



My Health My Choice

Healthcare Reform Second Stage Public Consultation

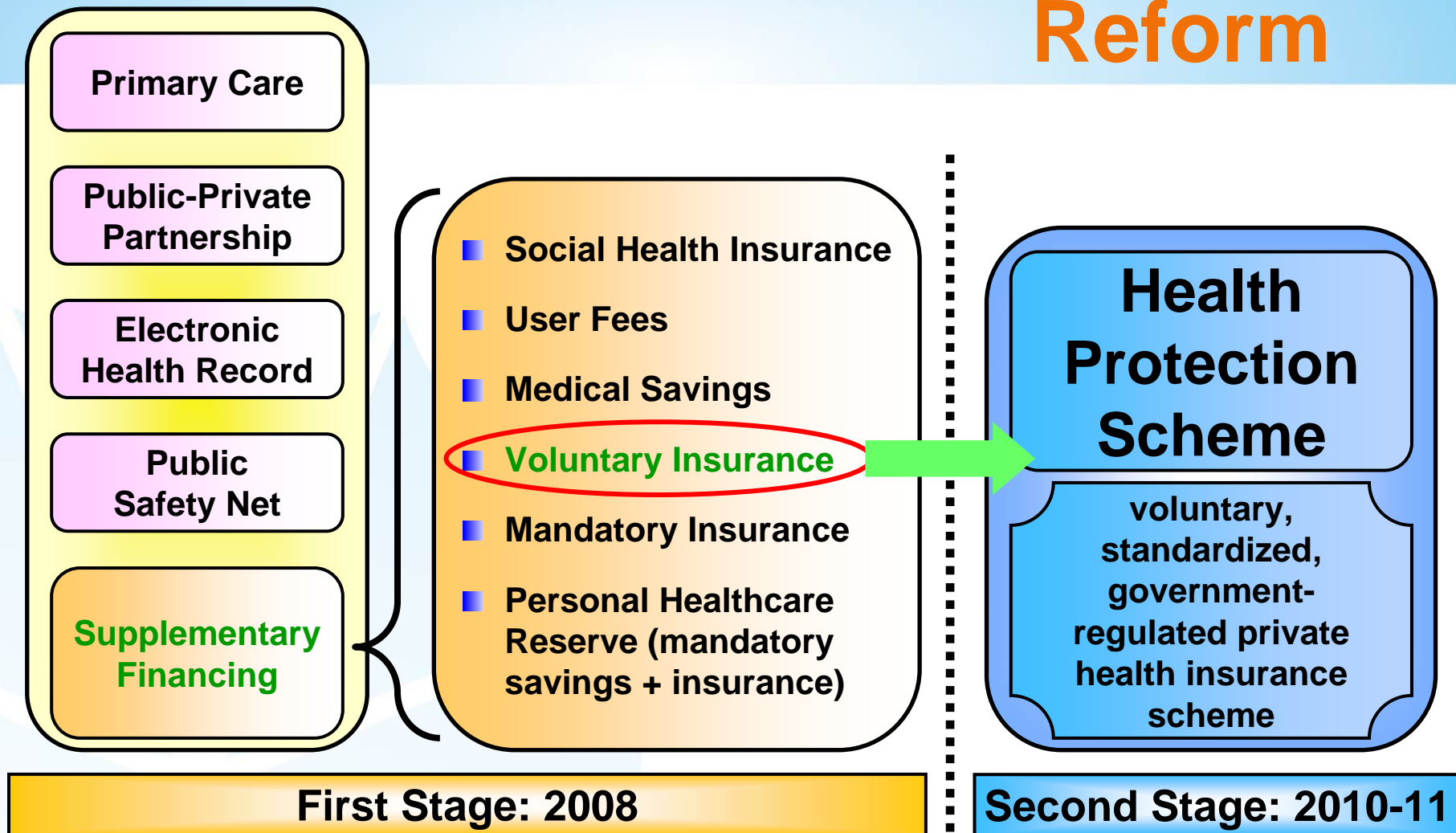


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Healthcare Reform



Two-Stage Public Consultations



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Health Protection Scheme

Objectives

- More choice and better protection
- Strengthened consumer protection
- Sustained access to health insurance
- Relieve pressure on public system

Components

- Government-regulated supervisory framework backed up by legislation
- Standardised core requirements for private health insurance
- Features for consumer protection (guaranteed renewal, portability etc.)
- Strengthened healthcare manpower and capacity (w/ packaged charges)



Views: Strong Support for Reforming Private Sector and Introducing HPS

- Support **reforming private healthcare sector**
 - alongside strengthening public healthcare system
- Support **regulating private health insurance**
 - and healthcare services for consumer protection
- Support **introducing HPS**
 - as quality-assured alternative to public services
- Need to develop implementation details of HPS



Views: Concern over Healthcare System Implications and Support

- Concerns over implications of HPS
 - Funding and quality of public healthcare
 - Healthcare capacity and manpower
 - Affordability of premium / medical fees
 - Subsidizing for private healthcare
- Impact on long-term sustainability and financing of healthcare system
 - Not a complete solution to long-term financing



Way Forward:

Reform of Public and Private System

■ **Continue to strengthen public system**

- Increase government funding for public healthcare
- Continue healthcare service reforms

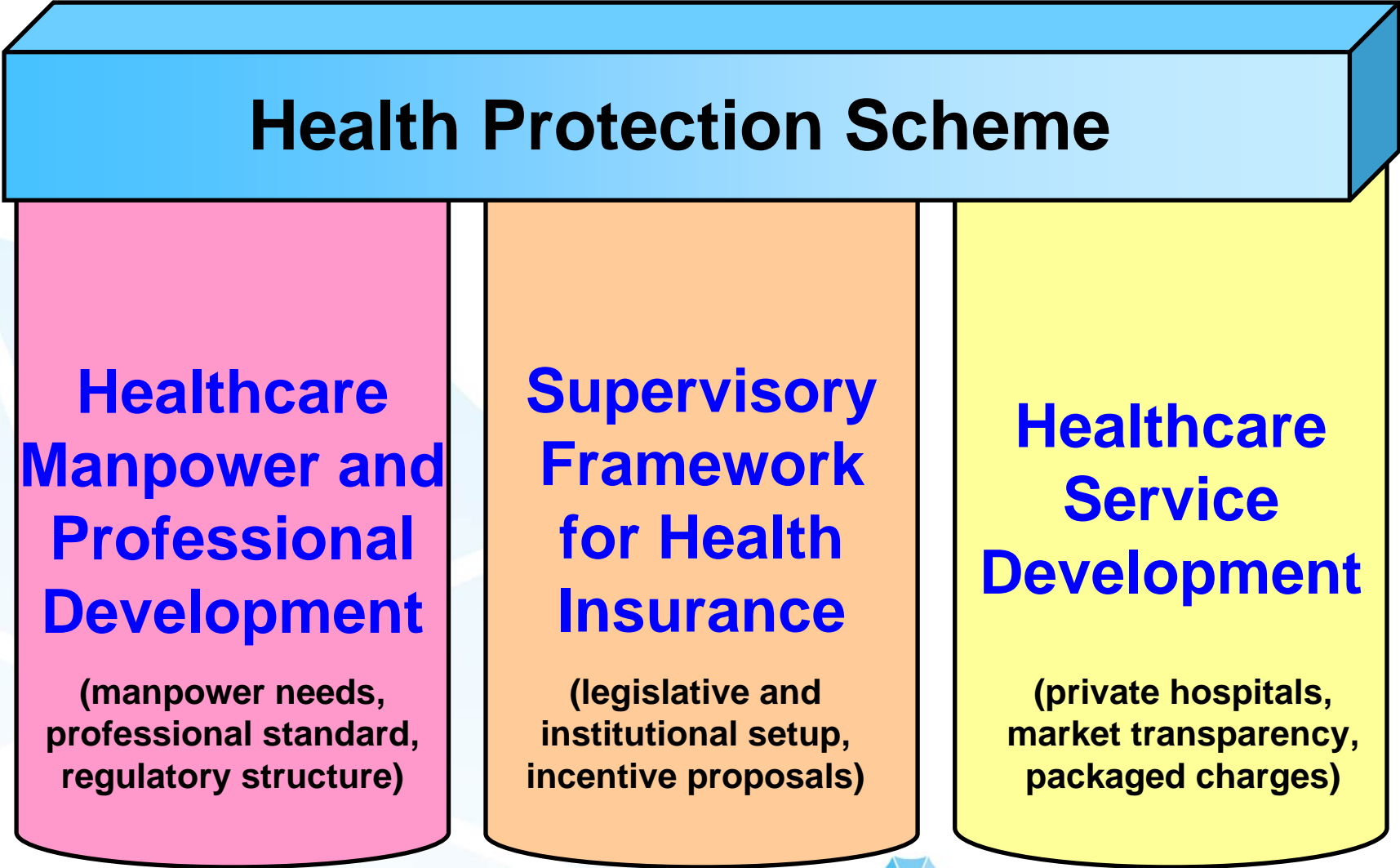
■ **Reform private system by taking forward HPS**

- Create private healthcare segment between current public service and traditional private market, with enhanced consumer protection and quality assurance
- Provide favorable environment for continued development of HK's medical industry as a key service sector, in line with NDRC's 12th 5-Year Plan



Way Forward:

Three-Pronged Action Plan for HPS



Strategic Review on Healthcare Manpower Planning and Professional Development

- Form a high-level Steering Committee to oversee Strategic Review
 - Assess manpower needs and recommend measures on supply and training
 - Recommend measures for professional development, including –
 - functions and compositions of existing statutory regulatory bodies for healthcare professions
 - mechanisms for setting and assuring standards of healthcare services



Supervisory Framework including Legislative and Institutional Setup for HPS

- Set up Working Group on HPS under HMDAC –
 - Explore set up of statutory HPS Authority
 - Formulate regulatory measures for HPS
 - Develop key components of Standard Plan
 - Examine govt's involvement under HPS
 - Make recommendations on incentive proposals
 - Mitigate potential risks of HPS



Facilitate Healthcare Service and Infrastructure Development

- Set up a dedicated unit under FHB to –
 - Monitor healthcare services and charges
 - Formulate DRG prototypes
 - Develop an electronic platform that supports administration of DRG-based charging
 - Promote DRG-based packaged services through purchase of private services
 - Other infrastructure in support of private health insurance and healthcare services



Timetable

July 2011	Release consultation report and brief LegCo Health Services Panel
End 2011	Set up Steering Committee on Strategic Healthcare Manpower Review and Working Group on HPS
By first half 2012	Set up a dedicated unit under FHB to support strategic healthcare manpower review, formulation of HPS supervisory framework and healthcare service development
By first half 2013	Steering Committee on Strategic Healthcare Manpower Review and Working Group on HPS to deliver reports
2013-2015	Draft and introduce HPS legislation and prepare for setting up HPS Authority





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