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**Amendments to motion on
“Improving public healthcare services”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 884/11-12 issued on 7 June 2012, Dr Hon Joseph LEE and Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau have respectively given notices of their intention to move separate amendments to Hon CHAN Kam-lam’s motion on “Improving public healthcare services” scheduled for the Council meeting of 20 June 2012. As directed by the President, Dr Hon Joseph LEE’s and Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau’s amendments will be printed in the terms in which they were handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

2. The President will order a joint debate on the above motion and the two amendments. To assist Members in debating the motion and amendments, I set out below the procedure to be followed during the debate:

- (a) the President calls upon Hon CHAN Kam-lam to speak and move his motion;
- (b) the President proposes the question on Hon CHAN Kam-lam’s motion;
- (c) the President calls upon the two Members, who intend to move amendments, to speak in the following order, but no amendment is to be moved at this stage:

- (i) Dr Hon Joseph LEE; and
- (ii) Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau;
- (d) the President calls upon the designated public officer(s) to speak;
- (e) the President invites other Members to speak;
- (f) the President gives leave to Hon CHAN Kam-lam to speak for the second time on the two amendments;
- (g) the President calls upon the designated public officer(s) to speak again;
- (h) in accordance with Rule 34(5) of the Rules of Procedure, the President has decided that he will call upon the two Members to move their respective amendments in the order set out in paragraph (c) above. The President invites Dr Hon Joseph LEE to move his amendment to the motion, and forthwith proposes and puts to vote the question on the amendment;
- (i) after Dr Hon Joseph LEE's amendment has been voted upon, the President deals with Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau's amendment to the motion; and
- (j) after Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau's amendment has been dealt with, the President calls upon Hon CHAN Kam-lam to reply. Thereafter, the President puts to vote the question on Hon CHAN Kam-lam's motion, or his motion as amended, as the case may be.

3. For Members' ease of reference, the terms of the original motion and of the motion, if amended, are set out in the **Appendix**.

(Mrs Justina LAM)
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion debate on
“Improving public healthcare services”
to be held at the Council meeting of 20 June 2012**

1. Hon CHAN Kam-lam’s original motion

That the Government intends to implement the Health Protection Scheme for addressing the issue of public healthcare financing and reforming public healthcare services; however, with population ageing and the continuous increase in demand for primary healthcare services, public healthcare services are unable to sustain quality, and the mode of service delivery also fails to develop in the direction of a ‘person-centred and community-based’ approach; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to comprehensively improve public healthcare services, and the relevant measures should include:

- (a) to enhance the hardware facilities of public hospitals, including reviewing the demand for specialist services in the hospitals of various clusters, acquiring more medical equipment, and expediting the expansion of United Christian Hospital as well as the redevelopment of Queen Mary Hospital and Kwong Wah Hospital, so as to cope with the demand arising from changes in population structure;
- (b) in response to the fact that babies born to ‘doubly non-permanent resident pregnant women’ seeking healthcare services in Hong Kong have led to an increasing demand for hospital services in the New Territories clusters, the authorities should allocate more resources for improving the services of maternal and child health centres as well as paediatrics;
- (c) to develop public Chinese medicine services, expeditiously build public Chinese medicine out-patient clinics, increase the daily service quotas in public Chinese medicine clinics, and study introducing Chinese medicine in-patient services and conjoint Chinese medicine and Western medicine consultations;
- (d) to draw up a timetable for establishing community health centres in the 18 districts of Hong Kong;
- (e) to improve the existing public general out-patient services, including increasing daily consultation quotas, introducing overnight out-patient

services, and setting up a 'manned' consultation booking hotline for the convenience of the elderly;

- (f) to draw up planning on long-term healthcare service demand and personnel training, and adopt short-term measures to tackle the existing problem of healthcare manpower shortage;
- (g) to improve public dental services, including introducing out-patient dental services for the elderly, and extending the Student Dental Service to secondary students, etc.; and
- (h) to design specific services geared to the healthcare needs of different groups of people in society, including lowering the eligible age for elderly healthcare vouchers to 65 and increasing the amount of subsidy to \$1,000; increase the service quotas in elderly health centres and women health centres; introduce a cervical cancer vaccination programme and a breast cancer screening programme for the suitable women; subsidize high risk groups to take fecal occult blood tests regularly for the prevention of colon cancer; speed up the updating of the types of vaccines incorporated under the Childhood Immunization Programme; and study the introduction of 'child healthcare vouchers'.

2. Motion as amended by Dr Hon Joseph LEE

~~That the Government intends to implement the Health Protection Scheme for addressing the issue of public healthcare financing and reforming public healthcare services; however,~~ with population ageing and the continuous increase in demand for primary healthcare services, public healthcare services are unable to sustain quality, and the mode of service delivery also fails to develop in the direction of a 'person-centred and community-based' approach; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to comprehensively improve public healthcare services, and the relevant measures should include:

- (a) to enhance the hardware facilities of public hospitals, including reviewing the demand for specialist services in the hospitals of various clusters, acquiring more medical equipment, and expediting the expansion of United Christian Hospital as well as the redevelopment of Queen Mary Hospital and Kwong Wah Hospital, so as to cope with the demand arising from changes in population structure;
- (b) in response to the fact that babies born to 'doubly non-permanent resident pregnant women' seeking healthcare services in Hong Kong have led to an increasing demand for hospital services ~~in the New Territories clusters~~, the authorities should allocate more resources for

improving the services of maternal and child health centres as well as paediatrics;

- (c) to develop public Chinese medicine services, expeditiously build public Chinese medicine out-patient clinics, increase the daily service quotas in public Chinese medicine clinics, and study introducing Chinese medicine in-patient services and conjoint Chinese medicine and Western medicine consultations;
- (d) to draw up a timetable for establishing community health centres in the 18 districts of Hong Kong;
- (e) to improve the existing public general out-patient services, including increasing daily consultation quotas, introducing overnight out-patient services, and setting up a 'manned' consultation booking hotline for the convenience of the elderly;
- (f) to draw up planning on long-term healthcare service demand and personnel training, and adopt short-term measures to tackle the existing problem of healthcare manpower shortage;
- (g) to improve public dental services, including introducing out-patient dental services for the elderly, and extending the Student Dental Service to secondary students, etc.; ~~and~~
- (h) to design specific services geared to the healthcare needs of different groups of people in society, including lowering the eligible age for elderly healthcare vouchers to 65 and increasing the amount of subsidy to \$1,000; increase the service quotas in elderly health centres and women health centres; introduce a cervical cancer vaccination programme and a breast cancer screening programme for the suitable women; subsidize high risk groups to take fecal occult blood tests regularly for the prevention of colon cancer; speed up the updating of the types of vaccines incorporated under the Childhood Immunization Programme; and study the introduction of 'child healthcare vouchers';
- (i) *to expeditiously set a nurse-patient ratio to enhance the quality of nursing care and facilitate long-term nursing manpower planning;*
- (j) *to review the manpower establishment of allied health staff and assess manpower needs based on service demand, so as to shorten patients' waiting time and enhance the quality of allied health service;*
- (k) *to provide referral services by optometrists and strengthen the role of optometrists in primary healthcare services at the community level, so*

that members of the public can receive early treatment to avoid deterioration of conditions due to delay; and

- (l) *regarding the continuously rising demand for chiropractic services nowadays, to introduce chiropractic services under the public healthcare system, so as to provide members of the public with an additional choice and shorten the existing waiting time for the services of relevant departments.*

Note: Dr Hon Joseph LEE's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

3. Motion as amended by Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau

That the Government intends to implement the Health Protection Scheme for addressing the issue of public healthcare financing and reforming public healthcare services; however, with population ageing and the continuous increase in demand for primary healthcare services, public healthcare services are unable to sustain quality, and the mode of service delivery also fails to develop in the direction of a 'person-centred and community-based' approach; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to comprehensively improve public healthcare services, and the relevant measures should include:

- (a) *to review the resource and manpower allocation mechanism of the Hospital Authority ('HA'), so as to improve public hospital services;*
- (b) *to set up an independent audit department for HA, so as to ensure a more effective distribution of public healthcare resources among the various service items to help patients in need;*
- (c) *to separate the roles of purchaser and provider of public healthcare services, so that resources can be utilized in a more cost-effective manner;*
- (d) *to introduce a 'more work, more pay' working-hour system in HA, so as to retain healthcare personnel and address the problem of healthcare manpower wastage;*
- ~~(a)~~(e) to enhance the hardware facilities of public hospitals, including reviewing the demand for specialist services in the hospitals of various clusters, acquiring more medical equipment, and expediting the expansion of United Christian Hospital as well as the redevelopment of Queen Mary Hospital and Kwong Wah Hospital, so as to cope with the demand arising from changes in population structure;

- ~~(b)~~(f) in response to the fact that babies born to ‘doubly non-permanent resident pregnant women’ seeking healthcare services in Hong Kong have led to an increasing demand for hospital services in the New Territories clusters, the authorities should allocate more resources for improving the services of maternal and child health centres as well as paediatrics;
- ~~(e)~~(g) to develop public Chinese medicine services, expeditiously build public Chinese medicine out-patient clinics, increase the daily service quotas in public Chinese medicine clinics, and study introducing Chinese medicine in-patient services and conjoint Chinese medicine and Western medicine consultations;
- ~~(d)~~(h) to draw up a timetable for establishing community health centres in the 18 districts of Hong Kong;
- ~~(e)~~(i) to improve the existing public general out-patient services, including increasing daily consultation quotas, introducing overnight out-patient services, and setting up a ‘manned’ consultation booking hotline for the convenience of the elderly;
- ~~(f)~~(j) to draw up planning on long-term healthcare service demand and personnel training, and adopt short-term measures to tackle the existing problem of healthcare manpower shortage;
- ~~(g)~~(k) to improve public dental services, including introducing out-patient dental services for the elderly, and extending the Student Dental Service to secondary students, etc.; and
- ~~(h)~~(l) to design specific services geared to the healthcare needs of different groups of people in society, including lowering the eligible age for elderly healthcare vouchers to 65 and increasing the amount of subsidy to \$1,000; increase the service quotas in elderly health centres and women health centres; introduce a cervical cancer vaccination programme and a breast cancer screening programme for the suitable women; subsidize high risk groups to take fecal occult blood tests regularly for the prevention of colon cancer; speed up the updating of the types of vaccines incorporated under the Childhood Immunization Programme; and study the introduction of ‘child healthcare vouchers’.

Note: Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau’s amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.