

Elderly CSSA cases with grown-up children

Example 1

Applicant, aged 66, was suffering from dementia. He was referred to field unit for assistance by MSW of a public hospital in late 1998.

He was living with his wife and daughter at mid-levels. A Filipino maid is employed to look after the household.

The daughter acted as applicant's appointee in applying for CSSA but she refused to disclose her financial disposition. She signed a statement indicating that she could not support her father.

CSSA paid to the applicant is \$6,655 per month (comprising \$4,355 standard rate for single elderly requiring constant care, \$795 dietary allowance and \$1,545 rent).

Example 2

Applicant is a woman aged 72 and she has applied for CSSA since 1995.

She lives with her married son in a Home Ownership flat in Quarry Bay. Although her son and daughter-in-law were both in gainful employment, they were unwilling to support the applicant.

Applicant is now receiving \$2,555 per month (Standard rate for single elderly) plus Long Term Supplement of \$1,605 which is paid annually.

Example 3

Applicant (now aged 59) and her husband (now aged 67 and 100% disabled) and her two daughters were granted CSSA in 1993.

The two daughters quitted CSSA in 8/1993 and 11/94 as they entered

college and nursing school respectively but their parents remain on CSSA.

The two daughters are now working, one as a nurse and the other has also taken up a full time job. They declared that they could not support their parents and added that under the existing laws of HK, they had no obligation to do so.

In August 1998, the daughters claimed that they had no financial relationship with their parents at all and refused to make further declaration, claiming that this had caused them too much trouble and affected their mental health. However, it was found that the two daughters had paid for their parents' overseas trips for sight seeing purpose in April 1998 and May 1998.

Currently, the applicant and her husband are receiving \$7,916 CSSA per month including standard rates (\$4,700), rent (\$3,110), water charge (\$22) and telephone charge (\$83.9)

Example 4

The applicant, aged 78, applied for CSSA in mid 1993.

She was living with her son in a public housing unit in Eastern District. Her son was a construction worker. He claimed that he had to support his family in China and therefore would not offer assistance to his mother (applicant).

Applicant had been receiving CSSA since mid 1993 and before she quitted CSSA, she collected assistance of \$3,095 a month (Standard rate for 100% disabled single elderly). Recently, a random check was conducted on this case and the applicant's son changed his mind and decided to support his mother. The applicant ceased applying CSSA from 30.6.99 onwards.