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Quality Patient-Centred Care Through Teamwork

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Clerk, Public Accounts Committee (Attn: Ms Serena Chu) Legislative Council Legislative Council Building 8 Jackson Road Central Hong Kong

Dear Ms Chu,

The Director of Audit's Report on the Results of value for money audits (Report No.47)

Chapter 6: Hospital Authority and Social Welfare Department: Management of medical fee waivers

Thank you for your letter dated 29 January 2007.

With regard to your enquiry, please note that Social Welfare Department and Hospital Authority considered on-line verification of validity of status of patients under Comprehensive Social Security Assistance a better solution with patient status verified on the spot. We are in the process of upgrading the systems to on-line electronic verification. Initial schedule for the enhancement of the systems has been prepared. The project is target for completion by mid 2007.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

(Ms Ivis CHUNG) for Chief Executive Hospital Authority

c.c. Director of Audit (Attn: Mr Andrew CHANG)

Director of Social Welfare (Attn: Mr SIT Tung)