

**For information  
in March 2013**

**Legislative Council Panel on Health Services  
Review of Outpatient Charges for Non-eligible Persons  
pegged with Hospital Authority rates  
in the Department of Health**

**Purpose**

This paper informs Members of the revised outpatient charges for non-eligible persons (NEP) charged by the Department of Health (DH) which are pegged to the Hospital Authority (HA) rates.

**Fee Revision**

2. We consulted the Panel on 17 December 2012 regarding the review of fees and charges for NEPs and private patients in HA, details of which were set out in the Administration's paper (LC Paper No. CB(2)331/12-13(03)). Members raised no objection to the revision. The revised HA fees will take effect from 1 April 2013.

3. It has been the established practice to peg certain DH fees to HA rates if they are charged on healthcare services of essentially the same nature. This ensures that the charges for the concerned clinical services are consistent across the public healthcare system. Therefore, subsequent to the earlier briefing for the Panel on the HA fee revision plan, steps have been taken to bring 7 such outpatient charges for NEP for clinical services provided by DH to the same level of HA rates. The 7 types of DH outpatient charges for NEP to be revised are at Annex. The new charges by DH will take effect from the same date, i.e. 1 April 2013.

**Advice sought**

4. Members are invited to note the content of this paper.

Food and Health Bureau  
Department of Health  
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**Department of Health (DH)**  
**Outpatient Charges for Non-Eligible Persons (NEP)**  
**pegged with Hospital Authority (HA) rates**

<b>Fee Item</b>	<b>Current charges for NEP (HK\$)</b>	<b>Proposed charges (HK\$)</b> (to continue with the practice of pegging with HA rates)
<p><b>For the following items, the HA fee that they are pegged to would be increased to HK\$1,110 with effect from 1 April 2013 -</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Attendance at a specialist clinic</li><li>2) Attendance at a Genetic Counselling Clinic (actual cost of special investigations are separately charged)</li><li>3) Attendance at Social Hygiene &amp; Special Skin Clinics - treatment relating sexually transmitted diseases or leprosy</li><li>4) Attendance at a Maternal &amp; Child Health Centre - maternal health services</li><li>5) Emergency treatment in government dental clinic &amp; hospital dental unit (includes extractions &amp; other oral surgical emergencies)</li></ol>	700	1,110
<p><b>For the following items, the HA fee that they are pegged to would be increased to HK\$100 with effect from 1 April 2013 -</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>6) Attendance at a clinic for injection and dressing</li><li>7) Attendance at Integrated Elderly Health Centre for injection and dressing</li></ol>	70	100