

Submission to the Bills Committee on Electronic Health Record Sharing
System Bill Meeting on 26 May 2014

We, System Aid Medical Services Limited, is a support service provider to the Hong Kong Medical Association's Clinic Management System.

According to our survey done in July – September last year, about two-thirds of the private practice doctors in Hong Kong already have some degree of clinic management system in place, while the other one-third private doctors are still relying completing on paper records.

Given the overwhelming load of benefits of e-HR sharing to the Healthcare community and the general popularity of Information Technology (IT), we fully support the introduction of the Electronic Health Record Sharing System Bill. In fact, we believe the Bill should be introduced as soon as possible so that patients can start to enjoy the benefits and flexibility of e-HR sharing.

Given the benefits of e-HR sharing, we suggest that the Government should provide incentives and assistance for doctors to:

- 1) start computerization and use clinic management system to operate their clinics;
- 2) join the e-HR Sharing System

We would like to understand the Government's plan to "encourage" doctors' participation in the e-HR Sharing System and the steps that the Government would take if the adoption rate of the e-HR Sharing System is low.

In the next phase of development, we suggest the e-HR Sharing System should consider the following options:

- 1) for patients to login and review their own health records;
- 2) for patients to select sensitive health records not to be shared;