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Clerk to Panel on Health Services Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road Central, Hong Kong (Attn.: Ms. Maisie LAM)

Dear Ms LAM,

Panel on Health Services Follow-up to the Meeting on 15 April 2019 – Prevention and Control Measures against Measles

During the meeting of the Panel on Health Services held on 15 April 2019, Members requested supplementary information on the period of immunisation records to be covered under the Patient Portal of the Electronic Health Record Sharing System (eHRSS). The requested supplementary information is provided in the ensuing paragraphs.

2. Under Stage Two Development of the eHRSS, a Patient Portal will be developed for patients who have joined the eHRSS to access some of their health records, including immunisation records. Upon the planned launch of the Patient Portal in the second half of 2020, immunisation records which have been uploaded for sharing on the eHRSS will be available on the Patient Portal. These records cover those provided by the Department of Health (DH), the Hospital Authority (HA) and other healthcare providers (HCPs) which have been given sharing consent by patients. The immunisation records provided by DH and HA for sharing on the eHRSS mainly include -

- vaccines administered by DH under the Hong Kong Childhood Immunisation Programme since 2013;
- childhood seasonal influenza vaccines administered by DH under the Government Vaccination Programme since 2013 and the School

Outreach Programme since 2018; and

seasonal influenza vaccines, human swine influenza vaccines and pneumococcal vaccines administered by HA since 2009.

3. As for other HCPs in the private sector, on the premise that the patients have joined the eHRSS and given sharing consent and that the relevant immunisation records are in the appropriate electronic format, they may upload the patients' relevant records to the eHRSS, regardless of the time the vaccines were administered. These records will also be displayed on the Patient Portal. Furthermore, with a view to encouraging active health management, the Patient Portal will allow self-input of some health data by users, including for example records of immunisation carried out by the users' HCPs who have not joined the eHRSS. On the Patient Portal, health data will be appropriately marked so that one can easily tell if they are provided by HCPs or patients.

Yours sincerely,

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