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To : Clerk to Panel on Health Services

From : Clerk to Subcommittee on Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance (Specification of Date for Section 135(1)(a)) Notice and Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance (Specification of Date for Section 136(1)(a)) Notice

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Subcommittee on Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance (Specification of Date for Section 135(1)(a)) Notice and Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance (Specification of Date for Section 136(1)(a)) Notice

Referral to the Panel on Health Services

The Subcommittee on Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance (Specification of Date for Section 135(1)(a)) Notice and Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance (Specification of Date for Section 136(1)(a)) Notice has completed the scrutiny of the two Notices and reported its deliberations to the House Committee.

2. In the course of scrutinizing the Bill, members noted that the provisions on application for different licences under the Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance (Cap. 633) will be commenced in phases. They have requested the Administration to ensure that facility operators, as well as the medical and dental professions are fully prepared before the new regulatory regime would come into force in full scale. The Administration has undertaken to brief the Panel on Health Services on a yearly basis on the progress made towards the full implementation of the new regulatory regime.

3. An extract of the relevant parts of the report of the Subcommittee is attached.


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**Extract from the report of the Subcommittee on
Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance (Specification of Date for
Section 135(1)(a)) Notice and Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance
(Specification of Date for Section 136(1)(a)) Notice**

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Full implementation of the new regulatory regime

20. Members have urged the Administration to ensure that operators of day procedure centres and clinics, as well as the medical and dental professions are fully prepared before the new regulatory regime comes into force in full scale. Dr KWOK Ka-ki has expressed particular concern about the readiness of the premises of the existing day procedure centres to meet the accommodation and equipment standards under the new regulatory regime.

21. The Administration has informed the Subcommittee that a Project Steering Committee on Standards for Ambulatory Facilities was set up by DH and the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine in mid-2015 to, among others, draw up standards for day procedure centres which will comprise a set of core standards and sets of procedure-specific standards for the provision of relevant class(es) of specialized services including anaesthesia and sedation; surgery; endoscopy; dental procedures; chemotherapy; haemodialysis; and interventional radiology and lithotripsy. A set of Core Standards for Day Procedure Centres and four sets of Procedure-specific Standards for Day Procedure Centres have been developed and published so far. These sets of standards will be adopted to become codes of practice for day procedure centres to be issued by the Director under section 102 of the Ordinance when the new regulatory regime comes into force. In the meantime, DH is conducting the Phase III Survey on Private Ambulatory Facilities to collect information from day procedure centres currently in operation to assess how far their operating rooms and designated rooms for medical procedures could meet the regulatory standards.

22. At the request of members, the Administration has undertaken to brief the Panel on Health Services on a yearly basis on the progress made towards the full implementation of the new regulatory regime.

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Follow-up actions by the Administration

24. The Administration has undertaken to:

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(b) brief the Panel on Health Services on a yearly basis on the progress made towards the full implementation of the new regulatory regime (paragraph 22 refers).

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