

Primary Dental Co-care Pilot Scheme for Adolescents
Participant Information Notice

1. Eligibility

- 1.1 To enrol in the Primary Dental Co-care Pilot Scheme for Adolescents (“**PDCC**”) as a participant (“**Scheme Participant**”), an individual must meet all of the following criteria:
- (a) be: (i) a holder of a valid Hong Kong Identity Card within the meaning of the Registration of Persons Ordinance (Cap. 177 of the laws of Hong Kong) unless he/she is a holder of the Hong Kong Identity Card by virtue of a previous permission to land or remain in Hong Kong granted to him/her and such permission has expired or ceased to be valid; or (ii) a holder of a valid certificate of exemption within the meaning of the Immigration Ordinance (Cap. 115 of the laws of Hong Kong);
 - (b) be aged 13 (or will reach the age of 13 in the calendar year the application to enrol in the PDCC is made) to 17, for the avoidance of doubt, a person will cease to be eligible once he reaches the age of 18; and
 - (c) has enrolled in the Electronic Health Record Sharing System (“**eHealth**”).
- 1.2 The consent of the individual’s parent or guardian is needed to enrol in the PDCC by submission of a duly signed application form to the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China (“**Government**”) or via electronic application if available.
- 1.3 If at any time after being enrolled in the PDCC, a Scheme Participant ceases to fulfil any of the eligibility criteria set out in Sections 1.1(a) and (b) above and/or ceases to agree to/comply with the eligibility criterion set out in Section 1.1(c) above, he/she shall not be entitled to receive any subsidy from the Government under the PDCC immediately upon such cessation.

2. Aims and Scope of the PDCC

- 2.1 The objective of the **PDCC** is to foster the establishment of a reliable dentist-patient relationship through provision of partial subsidies for private dental check-up services for adolescents, so that a life-long habit of regular dental check-ups can be sustained to their adulthood.
- 2.2 Upon being enrolled in the **PDCC**, the Scheme Participant shall have the right to select a registered dentist (as registered under Dentists Registration Ordinance (Cap. 156 of the laws of Hong Kong)) who is enrolled in the PDCC and not employed by the Government (“**Private Dentist**”) according to his/her own choice.

2.3 The Scheme Participant will receive from the Private Dentist the following subsidised dental services (“**PDCC Services**”):

- (a) a subsidised visit to assess the Scheme Participant’s oral health risk and oral condition;
- (b) dental check-ups, including records of medical information, oral health risk assessment and any other relevant oral health information;
- (c) dental scaling if the Private Dentist sees fit from his professional judgement;
- (d) fluoride application to the Scheme Participant as a risk-based follow-up procedure if the Private Dentist sees fit from his professional judgement;
- (e) personalised self-care advice on oral care and correlation between the personal lifestyle habits/choices and oral health; and
- (f) report and explanation of the Scheme Participant’s oral health risk and oral condition.

2.4 Scheme Participant shall acknowledge and agree that the Government may vary the scope of the PDCC from time to time and any such variations will be binding on him/her. The current scope of the PDCC is available at <https://www.communitydental.gov.hk/en/pdcc/public.html>

3. Co-Payment

3.1 The Government subsidises a fixed amount of the fees chargeable by the Private Dentist for his/her provision of the PDCC Services. The Scheme Participant is required to pay a co-payment fee as determined by the Private Dentist (“**Co-Payment**”) to the Private Dentist for receiving the PDCC Services from the Private Dentist. The Scheme Participant shall pay the Co-Payment directly to the Private Dentist for services provided. For Co-Payments charged by Private Dentist under the PDCC, please refer to

https://www.communitydental.gov.hk/en/pdcc/dentist_search.html

3.2 Based on the result of check-ups as referred to in Section 2.3(b) above, the Private Dentist, in his professional judgement, may provide the following items (“**PDCC Non-subsidised Items**”) to the Scheme Participant:

- (a) periapical X-rays, bitewings, Orthopantomograms (OPGs), filling with one surface and non-surgical extraction; and
- (b) other examination(s)/treatment(s).

The Scheme Participant is required to pay the Private Dentist for procuring the PDCC Non-subsidised Item(s). For the amount of fee chargeable by the Private Dentist for the provision of the PDCC Non-subsidised Item(s) under 3.2(a), please refer to

https://www.communitydental.gov.hk/en/pdcc/dentist_search.html

- 3.3 The Government shall not be responsible for any fees or payments incurred from the provision of any PDCC Non-subsidised Items.
- 3.4 Should a Scheme Participant have any feedback or complaints regarding the PDCC, he/she may call the hotline 2111 3830.