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## THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION

## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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6 March 2025

Dear Parents and Students,

## **Primary Dental Co-care Pilot Scheme for Adolescents**

I am pleased to inform you that the Primary Dental Co-care Pilot Scheme for Adolescents (PDCC) will be launched by the Department of Health on 20 March 2025. By providing Government subsidies with co-payment arrangements, the PDCC incentivises adolescents to seek dental check-ups at private dental clinics and establish regular oral check-up habits.

The PDCC serves as an interface with the School Dental Care Service by providing partial subsidies for dental check-up services for adolescents to foster their long-term partnership with registered dentists in the private sector and enable them to build a life-long habit of regular dental check-ups.

Adolescents from age 13 to 17 (or will reach the age of 13 in the calendar year when applying to join the PDCC) holding a valid Hong Kong Identity Card and have enrolled in the Electronic Health Record Sharing System (eHealth) are eligible to join the PDCC. Participants can receive subsidised services once every calendar year. While the Government will provide an annual subsidy of \$200, participants have to pay a co-payment fee as charged by the dentists of their choice after receiving the subsidized services. The amount of co-payment recommended by the Government is \$200. The scope of subsidised services includes:

- Dental check-up;
- Oral health risk assessment;
- Dental scaling;
- Personalised self-care advice on oral care;
- Fluoride application as risk-based follow-up; and
- Check-up report.

You are cordially invited to join the PDCC. Starting from 6 March 2025, a list of participating dentists will be uploaded to the PDCC webpage. You can contact the relevant clinic and make an appointment after finding a dentist of your choice and receive the subsidised services on or after 20 March.

In order to promote the transparency of related dental service charges under the PDCC, other than the co-payment fee, the dentists list on the PDCC webpage will also show the fees for X-ray examinations, tooth fillings and tooth extractions as charged by the dentists, for your reference and choice.

Please feel free to visit the PDCC <u>webpage</u> (https://www.communitydental.gov.hk/en/pdcc/dentist\_search.html) or scan the QR code below to search a participating dentist. Should you have any enquiry, please contact us via email at: <u>am3\_cds@dh.gov.hk</u>



Do not hesitate and join the PDCC at the soonest.

"A happy mouth is a happy mind. Spreads happiness everywhere."

Yours faithfully,

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