

COMMUNITY HOSPITALS

Smaller bills with new system

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NO PATIENT will be worse off when the more nuanced subsidy system at community hospitals takes effect on July 1. In fact, about half of the patients will benefit, with some seeing their hospital bills subsidised an extra 20 per cent with the enhanced framework.

For instance, a patient with per capita household income of \$500 will enjoy a 70-per-cent subsidy from July 1, up from 50 per cent currently. For a 24-day stay at a community hospital, he would be expected to pay \$1,080, which is \$720 less than before.

This is the result of the Ministry of Health (MOH) increasing the subsidy framework from four to nine income tiers (with subsidies between 0 to 75 per cent, in 10-percentage point increments), which will benefit patients at the margins of the existing tiers offering 0, 25, 50 and 75 per cent in subsidy.

When the MOH first announced the enhanced community hospitals' subsidy framework in March, there was concern that some patients

NINE-TIER SUBSIDY FRAMEWORK

Total Family Income (based on family of 4)	Subsidy Level for Citizens*	EXAMPLE		
≤ \$1,440	75%	Mrs Wong, 65, was transferred to a community hospital from a restructured hospital to continue her recovery. She opted for an 8-bedded ward and stayed for 28 days. She has a family of 4 (including herself) and a family income of \$4,000 a month.		
\$1,441 - \$2,200	70%			
\$2,201 - \$3,000	60%			
\$3,001 - \$3,800	50%			
\$3,801 - \$4,600	40%			
\$4,601 - \$5,200	30%			
\$5,201 - \$5,400	20%			
\$5,401 - \$5,600	10%			
> \$5,600	0%			
* PERMANENT RESIDENTS WILL RECEIVE 10%-POINT LESS SUBSIDY SOURCE: MOH				
		Today	July 1	
		Subsidy	25%	40%
		Total Bill	\$2,500	\$2,000 (save \$500)
		MediShield	\$1,200	\$800
		Medisave	\$1,300	\$1,200
		Cash	0	0

would end up with less than before. But Health Minister Khaw Boon Wan assured the public that he would ensure patients benefited from the exercise.

To do this, the MOH has extended the subsidies to a wider income range – those with a per capita household income of \$360 and below will receive a 75 per cent subsidy, up from \$330 now.

And the maximum per capita income level eligible for subsidy

has been increased from \$1,300 to \$1,400. That means that a family of four with a monthly income of \$5,600 would get a subsidy.

This enhanced framework will cost MOH an extra \$4 million a year, up from \$26 million now.

The MOH will work with the community hospitals to ensure patients transit smoothly to community hospitals from restructured hospitals, it said in a press release.

REMEMBERING AIDS VICTIMS



Guest of Honour, Nominated Member of Parliament Siew Kum Hong (right), and president of Action for Aids Ray Chan, lighting up a candle at the Singapore Aids candlelight Memorial 2009 at Ngee Ann Kongsi conference hall, Singapore Management University. The memorial was observed in more than 300 cities around the world in memory of those who have fallen to the scourge of Aids. WEE TECK HIAN

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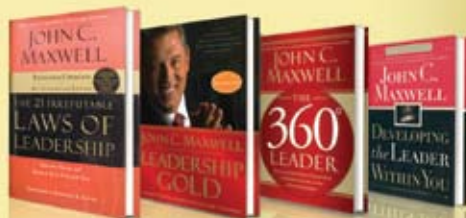
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