

Community Care Fund (CCF) Medical Assistance Programmes  
Enhancement Measures on Means Test Mechanism

**Implementation date : 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019\***

\*Implementation Date of CCF Medical Assistance Programme - Subsidy for Eligible Patients to Purchase Ultra-expensive Drugs (Including Those for Treating Uncommon Disorders) : **2nd January 2019**

\* Applicable for applications processed on/after implementation date

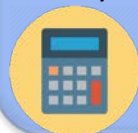


**Modifying the calculation of Annual Disposable Financial Resources (ADFR)<sup>1</sup>**



**Target : Applicant for drug subsidy under SF / CCF Medical Assistance Programmes**

By discounting 50% of patients' household net assets (i.e. Disposable Capital – Deductible Allowance)



$$\text{ADFR} = \frac{(\text{Monthly Household Gross Income} - \text{Monthly Allowable Deductions}) \times 12 + (\text{Disposable Capital} - \text{Deductible Allowance}) \times 50\%}{}$$

**Redefining the definition of household**



**Target : Applicant for subsidy for drug and non-drug items under SF / CCF Medical Assistance Programmes**

Firstly, to determine whether the patient is a dependent member of the household or not.

A dependent is defined as a person who is unmarried AND either

(i) under 18 years old; or (ii) 18-25 years old receiving full-time education.

A patient who does not fulfil the above requirements is classified as a non-dependent patient.



Patient Type	Refined Household Definition
Dependent patient	The patient, his/her parents/legal guardians, and dependent siblings living under the same roof
Non-dependent patient	If married – the patient, his/her spouse, and dependent children (but not parents/legal guardians or siblings) living under the same roof If unmarried – the patient would be treated as a single person household (irrespective of whether parents/legal guardians or siblings are living under the same roof)

When there is other family members who are living with the patient's household and their basic necessity for living is maintained by patient's household<sup>2</sup>, patient / applicant can include these dependent family members into the means test by providing their income, asset and expenditures information, and they will be taken into account in the calculation of allowable deductions and deductible allowance (if applicable). Medical social workers will have discretion to adjust the household size based on their professional judgment on a case-by-case basis in light of special familial factors or circumstances that warrant exceptional consideration

<sup>1</sup> For the details of the Monthly Household Gross Income, Monthly Allowable Deductions, Disposable Capital and Deductible Allowance, please refer to the SF/ CCF Medical Assistance Programmes page of the HA website (<http://www.ha.org.hk>)

<sup>2</sup> Examples: the family member is an elderly who is dependent on patient's household, or adult with no / low income and unable to sustain independent living; or individual unable to take care of oneself by reason of mental or physical condition, etc.