

Cost of medical services provided by the Hospital Authority (HA) to patients aged 65 or above from 2022-23 to 2024-25

| | 2022-23 (Actual) (\$ million) | 2023-24 (Revised estimates) (\$ million) | 2024-25 (Estimate) (\$ million) |
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| Cost of medical services provided by the HA to patients aged 65 or above | 47,298.5 | 50,625.1 | 52,641.0 |

Remarks:

The HA does not collate patient level costing information. The costs of services to patients aged 65 or above are based on the average unit cost of major care types/services and the actual (or projected) activities consumed by patients aged 65 or above from 2022-23 to 2024-25.

The service costs include direct staff costs (such as doctors, nurses and allied health staff) for providing services to patients; expenditure incurred for various clinical support services (such as anaesthetic and operating theatres, pharmacy, diagnostic radiology and pathology tests); and other operating cost (such as meals for patients, utility expenses and repair and maintenance of medical equipment).

In view of the emergence of the COVID-19 epidemic in Hong Kong since early 2020, the HA has adjusted its services in response to the epidemic. This should be taken into account when comparing the throughput of services provided by the HA across the years. With the subsiding of local COVID-19 epidemic situation and cessation of anti-epidemic measures in early 2023, the HA has been gradually resuming provision of all its public healthcare services to tie in with the Government's normalcy measures. The impact of COVID-19 has been reflected in 2022-23 costing information (if any). Costing information may not be directly comparable across the years.