

Enhancements to the Community Health Assist Scheme



By Agency of Integrated Care

The Community Health Assist Scheme (CHAS) enables Singapore citizens from lower- and middle-income households to receive subsidies for medical and dental care at participating GP and dental clinics near their homes. Singapore citizens who qualify for CHAS will receive either an individual blue or orange Health Assist card.

From 1 January 2014, these enhancements will take effect so that more Singapore citizens can benefit from CHAS.¹

CHAS CRITERIA	Before 31 December 2013				From 1 January 2014			
	Blue Card		Orange Card		Blue Card		Orange Card	
Citizenship, age and disability status	Singapore citizens, 40 years old and above, or disabled ²				Singapore citizens, regardless of age			
AND								
Per capita household monthly income	\$1,100 and below		More than \$1,100, up to \$1,800		No change			
OR								
Annual Value of residential properties (for households with no income)	\$13,000 and below		-		\$13,000 and below		More than \$13,000 but less than \$21,000	
CHAS SUBSIDIES AND COVERAGE								
Common illnesses	Up to \$18.50 per visit		Not applicable		No change			
Chronic conditions ³	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 1	Tier 2
	Up to \$80 per visit, and up to \$320 per year	Up to \$80 per visit, and up to \$480 per year	Up to \$50 per visit, and up to \$200 per year	Up to \$50 per visit, and up to \$300 per year	No change	Up to \$120 per visit, and up to \$480 per year	No change	Up to \$75 per visit, and up to \$300 per year
	Covers existing ten chronic conditions ⁴				Addition of five new chronic conditions: osteoarthritis, benign prostatic hyperplasia, anxiety, Parkinson's disease, and nephritis/nephrosis			
Dental services	Up to \$256.50 per procedure		Up to \$170.50 per procedure (for crowning, denture and root canal treatments only)		No change			
Health Promotion Board (HPB) Integrated Screening Package (ISP) health screening	Not covered				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Assist cardholders will be able to enjoy subsidies for the recommended screening tests under HPB's ISP. They will receive a letter from HPB when it is time to go for screening. They can enjoy subsidies for their doctor's consultation charges (up to \$18.50 per visit) for screenings and related follow-ups, up to two times per calendar year. 			

Notes

- All information is correct at the time of printing.
- Unable to do any of the following six activities of daily living without assistance: washing/bathing, toileting, transferring, feeding, dressing and mobility.
- Per calendar year limit is dependent on the extent of patient's chronic condition. Tier 1 patients have a single condition, while Tier 2 patients have more than one chronic condition or condition(s) with complications.
- The conditions are: asthma, bipolar disorder, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, dementia, diabetes, hypertension, lipid disorders (eg high cholesterol), major depression, schizophrenia, and stroke.

- For more info, visit <http://www.chas.sg>, call the Agency of Integrated Care (AIC) at 6632 1199 or email gp@chas.sg.
- For questions related to ISP screening, please call HPB HealthLine at 1800 223 1313, or email IntegratedScreening@hpb.gov.sg.