

MANY HELPING HANDS

BY AGENCY FOR INTEGRATED CARE

In Singapore, patients with disabilities — many being elderly — can tap on various government assistance schemes administered by different agencies. Patients who wish to apply for some of these schemes are required to consult doctors to assess their need for assistance in Activities of Daily Living (ADL) using a Functional Assessment Report (FAR). Often, these patients will turn to general practitioners (GPs) to do the functional assessment. All SMC-registered doctors can perform the functional assessment using the FAR.

To help GPs advise their patients better, here's an overview of the different schemes that patients with disabilities can apply for by sending the completed FAR together with the relevant scheme application forms.

Agency for Integrated Care			
Scheme	Pioneer Generation Disability Assistance Scheme (PioneerDAS)	Foreign Domestic Worker (FDW) Grant	Foreign Domestic Worker (FDW) Levy Concession for persons with disabilities
Benefits for eligible patients and their families	Lifelong monthly cash payout of \$100 to help with care expenses	Monthly grant of \$120 to defray the cost of hiring a FDW	Lower monthly concessionary FDW levy of \$120, instead of \$265
Eligibility Criteria			
Age/Citizenship	Must be a Pioneer Generation living in Singapore	Care recipient is a Singapore Citizen OR care recipient is a PR who is 65 years old and older. (For the latter, FDW employer must be a Singapore Citizen.)	Care recipient must be a Singapore Citizen.
No. of ADLs a patient permanently requires assistance in, as assessed using the FAR	At least 3 ADLs	At least 3 ADLs	At least 1 ADL
Other criteria that needs to be fulfilled	–	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Household monthly income per person must be \$2,600 and less. If the household has no income, the Annual Value of property must be less than \$13,000. FDW employer must be a family member who lives with the care recipient at the same NRIC-registered address. FDW also has to attend an AIC-approved caregiver training course. 	FDW employer must be either the care recipient or a family member who lives with the care recipient at the same NRIC-registered address.
Application Process			
Forms to be submitted with the completed FAR	PioneerDAS Application Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Means-test Declaration Form FDW Grant Application Form 	FDW employer must be either the care recipient or a family member who lives at the same NRIC-registered address.
Where to mail the FAR and supporting forms and documents to	Agency for Integrated Care 7 Maxwell Road #04-09/10, Annexe B MND Complex, Singapore 069111	Agency for Integrated Care 7 Maxwell Road #05-08, Annexe B MND Complex, Singapore 069111	Agency for Integrated Care 7 Maxwell Road #05-08, Annexe B MND Complex, Singapore 069111
Where to obtain application forms and more information	www.silverpages.sg/pioneerDAS	www.silverpages.sg/FDWG	www.silverpages.sg/FDWLC
Singapore Silver Line: 1800-650-6060 8.30 am – 8.30pm (Mon-Fri) 8.30am – 4pm (Sat)			

Agency	SG Enable	Special Needs Trust Company	Housing Development Board (HDB)
Scheme	Public Transport Concession for Persons with Disabilities	Special Needs Savings Scheme (SNSS)	Enhancement for Active Seniors (EASE)
Benefits for eligible patients and their families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enjoy 25% off adult rates No additional cost for distance travelled beyond 7.2km Option to purchase monthly concession pass with unlimited bus and train rides at \$60 per month 	This enables a parent to nominate their loved one with special needs/disabilities to receive regular fixed payouts upon the parent's demise.	Singapore citizen households can enjoy subsidies of up to 95% of the cost of installing improvement items, such as grab bars, ramps and slip-resistant treatment to floor tiles, which enhance senior citizens' lives.
Age/Citizenship	Aged below 60 years of age, are Singapore Citizens or Permanent Residents	–	Seniors aged between 65 years and 69 years
No. of ADLs a patient permanently requires assistance in, as assessed using the FAR	At least 1 ADL	At least 1 ADL, or have attended/is attending a Special Education (SPED) School	At least 1 ADL <i>*Seniors aged above 70 years and above need not undergo ADL assessment</i>
Where to obtain more information (e.g., eligibility criteria and application forms)	www.sgenable.sg/schemes/transport/public-transport-concession-scheme-for-persons-with-disabilities/ Infoline: 1800-8585-885	www.sntc.org.sg/snss_about.html Enquiry hotline: 65 6278-9598	www.hdb.gov.sg/EASE HDB EASE Enquiry Line: 1800-933-2990

Application Process

Forms to be submitted with the completed FAR	Application for Public Transport Concession for Persons with Disabilities Form	Application Form for Special Needs Savings Scheme	Application for Enhancement for Active Seniors Form
Where to mail the FAR and supporting forms and document to	SG Enable-Public Transport Concession for Persons with Disabilities 141 Redhill Road, Singapore 158828	Special Needs Trust Co (SNTC) 298 Tiong Bahru Road, #03-05 Central Plaza, Singapore 168730	HDB branches

**Information in this table was obtained from the websites of the respective agencies.*

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How is the FAR used?

The FAR can be used across a number of schemes, and need only be filled once. You can advise your eligible patients to photocopy the completed FAR for submission to multiple schemes.

Where can GPs obtain a copy of the FAR?

Applicants should bring the FAR to your clinic. Forms can be obtained from AICare Hub or downloaded from the Primary Care Pages. (<https://www.primarycarepages.sg/FAR-form.aspx>).

How much should I charge for performing the functional assessment?

The functional assessment is chargeable at all healthcare institutions including hospitals and polyclinics, regardless of the outcome of the scheme application. Currently, GPs usually charge for cost recovery. As a reference, the polyclinics and public hospitals are charging about \$35 for their patients.

How do I register my clinic with AIC to offer FAR assessment?

You may register your clinic with AIC at <https://www.primarycarepages.sg/FAR-signup.aspx> or email gp@aic.sg.