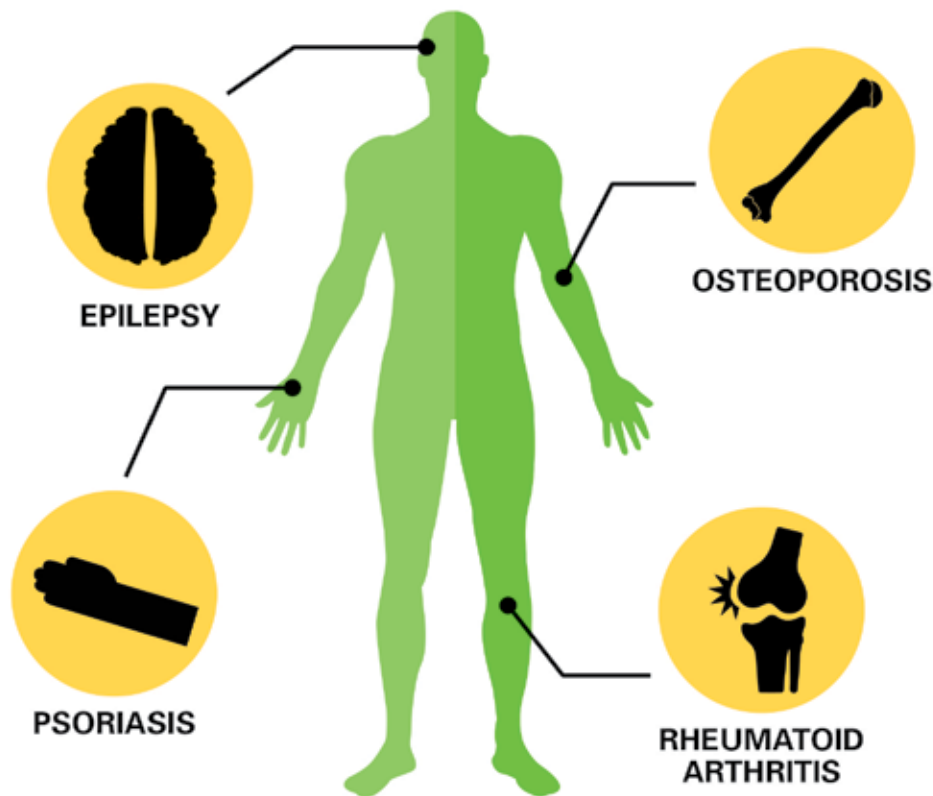


# BETTER HEALTH COVERAGE FOR CHRONIC CONDITIONS

To make healthcare more affordable for Singaporeans, especially for those with common chronic conditions, the Ministry of Health (MOH) is extending the coverage of Medisave use for the Chronic Disease Management Programme (CDMP) and subsidies under the Community Health Assist Scheme (CHAS).

## Extension of CDMP and CHAS Chronic Tier

With effect from 1 June 2015, the CDMP and subsidies under the CHAS chronic tier will include four new conditions, increasing the total number of chronic conditions covered to 19. This is subject to the prevailing annual withdrawal limit of \$400 per Medisave account, and up to \$540 in CHAS chronic subsidies per year. The four conditions are:



## Claimable Consumables

In addition, patients diagnosed with asthma and/or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease will be able to claim Medisave/CHAS chronic subsidies for spacers and their accompanying masks. Likewise, patients diagnosed with diabetes mellitus will be able to claim Medisave/CHAS chronic subsidies for insulin pens, syringes and needles.

Please note that use of Medisave/CHAS chronic subsidies is only allowed for patients diagnosed with the relevant chronic condition(s). For example, a patient without diabetes cannot use Medisave/CHAS chronic subsidies for syringes and needles, even if the consumables are prescribed by a doctor.

## Revised Guidelines and Clinical Indicators

The 'Handbook for Healthcare Professionals' provides guidelines on the use of Medisave/CHAS chronic subsidies, and clinical indicators to be documented and/or submitted for each condition. The Handbook is being updated, and you will be able to download the latest version from

- CHAS online > Download section > Handbook for Healthcare Professionals
- Primary Care Pages > Resources > Handbook for Healthcare Professionals
- MOH website > Health Professionals Portal > All Healthcare Professionals > Guidelines > Medisave for Chronic Disease Management Program and Vaccinations

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