Invitation for Applications for Joining the Community Care Service Voucher Scheme for the Elderly as Recognised Service Providers

The Community Care Service Voucher Scheme for the Elderly (the Scheme) has been regularised on 1 September 2023. The number of vouchers will increase from 10 000 at present to 11 000 in 2024-25 and 12 000 in 2025-26. The coverage of the Scheme has been expanded to include rental of assistive technology products. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) is now inviting eligible local non-governmental organisations (NGOs), social enterprises (SEs), non-profit-making organisations, private organisations, and licensed private hospitals to submit applications for joining the Scheme as Recognised Service Providers (RSPs).

An eligible applicant for RSP should meet one of the following conditions listed below –

a. a local non-governmental organisation (NGO)/social enterprise (SE) [being a bona fide non-governmental and non-profit-making organisation, charitable institution, or trust of a public character that is exempt from tax under section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112)] or a local private organisation with proven experience of directly providing elderly care services, either CCS or residential care services (RCS), for a continuous period of at least six months immediately preceding the submission date of application; or

b. a local licensed private hospital.

The CCS provided by the applicant should cover at least two types of core care services. Types of core care services refer to (i) rehabilitation exercise provided by physiotherapist/occupational therapist; (ii) special/basic nursing care provided by registered/enrolled nurse; and (iii) personal care (including food-feeding, transfer, showering/bathing, toileting/diaper changing, changing of clothes, meals delivery, home making, escort, etc.) provided by health worker/personal care worker.

The eligible NGOs, non-profit-making organisations and SEs can also apply for a one-off set-up cost for purchase of vehicle as well as furniture and equipment to meet the needs of service operation.

Please click <u>here</u> for downloading the Service Specifications of the Scheme, RSP Application Form, Application Form for Set-up cost, the slides of the Briefing Session on this invitation held on 30 June 2023 (Chinese version only) and the CCSV statistics (as at November 2023) (Chinese version only).

For details of the Scheme, please click here.

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