

Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong

1. Introduction

The Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong (GDRCS Scheme) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides an option for elderly persons on the Central Waiting List for Subsidised Long Term Care Services (CWL) to choose to live in residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) in the Mainland cities of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area as recognised by the SWD [Recognised Service Provider (RSP)].

2. Monthly Fee

The service payment made by the Government to the RSP includes full subsidy for board, lodging, nursing care, personal care and basic medical care of the elderly persons joining the GDRCS scheme. The elderly persons do not need to pay for the above services concerned. The elderly persons are required to pay for their consumable items, including diapers and wound dressings, etc.

3. Services Content

RSPs under GDRCS Scheme provide the elderly persons a satisfactory package of residential care services to attend to the health problem and care need of individual elderly persons. The basic services include-

- (i) accommodation within shared rooms;
- (ii) 3 meals per day plus snacks;
- (iii) 24-hours care and nursing services;
- (iv) formulation and implementation of individual care plan;
- (v) 2 rehabilitative services sessions per week, on an individual or group basis;
- (vi) 1 visit per month by a registered medical practitioner as arranged by RSP to conduct medical check and general medical consultation;
- (vii) providing transport and escort for the residents joining GDRCS Scheme to attend medical follow-up and receive treatment at designated hospitals/clinics, and/or including arranging persons staying with the residents during his/her hospitalisation (The service provision in terms of frequency and delivery mode, varies among RSPs. For details, please refer to the service brief of the RSP.);
- (viii) counselling, developmental/supportive/therapeutic groups, etc., and regular social or recreational activities; and
- (ix) laundry service.

Under the GDRCS Scheme, the residents are not required to pay for the accommodation, meal, nursing care service, personal care and basic medical care fees after joining the GDRCS Scheme. The residents are required to pay

for consumable items, including diapers, wound dressings and emergency ambulance charges, etc.

4. Recognised Service Providers (RSPs)

The SWD would update the list of RSPs. For details, please browse the SWD website (www.swd.gov.hk) or download the list of RSPs of the GDRCS Scheme.

5. 6-month Trial Stay

To encourage eligible elderly persons to join the GDRCS Scheme, the SWD has included into the Scheme a 6-month trial stay. During the 6-month's trial stay, if the elderly person chooses to be discharged from the RSP and withdraw from joining the GDRCS Scheme, his/her application for LTC services on CWL will be re-activated with retrospective to the original date of application. This arrangement can facilitate the elderly persons to adjust smoothly to the living in the residential care homes in the Mainland without worry on the need to make a re-application for LTC services if he/she finally chooses to return to Hong Kong. However, the aforementioned arrangements do not apply to elderly persons who have already resided in the the Mainland before joining GDRCS Scheme, and who have applied GDRCS Scheme and undergone InterRAI-HC 9.3 assessment in the Mainland.

6. Eligibility Criteria

The elderly persons who have been assessed and matched for residential care services under SWD's Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services and are waitlisted for care-and-attention places or nursing home places on CWL^{Note1}.

7. How To Apply

- Eligible elderly persons who would like to apply for the GDRCS Scheme may contact the responsible workers who are following up their applications for Long Term Care services.
- New applicants or persons acting on behalf of the applicants may approach the following referring offices to raise the request:
 1. District Elderly Community Centres / Neighbourhood Elderly Centres;
 2. Medical Social Services Units;
 3. Integrated Family Service Centres / Integrate Services Centres; and
 4. Other service units e.g. Family and Child Protective Service Units.

Note

The elderly persons under the following four categories may be unsuitable for joining GDRCS Scheme. They are:

1. subjects of guardianship order under the Mental Health Ordinance (Cap.136) with the Director of Social Welfare acting as the public guardian;
2. in need of social workers of SWD acting as their appointees to manage their welfare money under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme or Social Security Allowance Scheme;
3. required to attend regular follow-ups at psychiatric unit (excluding those suffering from dementia); or
4. required to receive renal dialysis treatment.

8. Enquiries on Contents of the GDRCS Scheme

- Elderly Branch of SWD (Residential Care Services Section)
(Telephone number: 2961 7234)
- Hotline Service of SWD (Telephone number: 2343 2255)
- Designated Hotline for Carer Support (Telephone number: 182 183)
- For details and latest information on the GDRCS Scheme, please browse the SWD website at www.swd.gov.hk

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