

## ANNEX B-1: PIONEER GENERATION PACKAGE

The Pioneer Generation Package honours and recognises the Pioneer Generation for their significant contributions in the early days of our nation-building.

The 'Pioneer Generation' is defined as living Singaporeans who meet 2 criteria:

- i. Aged 16 and above in 1965 (born on or before 31 Dec 1949, which also means they are aged 65 and above in 2014); and
- ii. Obtained citizenship on or before 31 Dec 1986.

Through this package, we want to provide the Pioneer Generation with greater assurance so that they do not have to worry about their healthcare costs in their old age. The package provides the following benefits, which the Pioneer Generation will enjoy for life:

### **a) Outpatient care**

- i. **50% discount off the net bill for subsidised services** at Specialist Outpatient Clinics (SOC) (see subsidy rates in Table 1 below) and polyclinics.

Table 1: SOC Services Subsidy Rates for Pioneer Generation

Monthly household income per capita	Annual Value of home (for those without income)	Subsidy (with effect from 1 Sep 2014)*	Subsidy for Pioneer Generation, after further 50% discount
Up to \$1,100	Up to \$13,000	70%	85%
\$1,101 to \$1,800	\$13,001 to \$21,000	60%	80%
More than \$1,800	More than \$21,000	50%	75%

\*Current SOC subsidy is about 50% on average.

The Ministry of Health will conduct a similar review of subsidies for medication (with a higher subsidy for the Pioneer Generation) and will provide an update on the details later.

- ii. **Enhanced Community Health Assist Scheme (CHAS).** CHAS is currently targeted at lower- and middle-income Singaporeans. Under this package, all Pioneer Generation members will be placed on CHAS. Those already on CHAS will enjoy additional

subsidies which will be similar to our enhancements for the Pioneer Generation at SOCs and polyclinics.

- iii. **Pioneer Generation Disability Assistance Scheme will provide cash assistance of \$1,200 a year** to help those with moderate to severe functional disabilities.<sup>1</sup>

The subsidies for SOC and polyclinic services, as well as disability assistance, will be implemented in September 2014. The additional CHAS benefits will be implemented in January 2015. The Minister for Health will provide more details at the COS.

#### **b) Medisave Top-ups**

The Government will provide **annual Medisave top-ups of \$200 to \$800** to the Pioneer Generation, depending on birth cohorts. Those who are older will receive more. See [Table 2](#) for details.

Table 2: Lifetime Annual Medisave Top-up for Pioneer Generation

<b>Age in 2014 (Birth cohorts)</b>	<b>Amount per year</b>
65-69 (1945-1949)	\$200
70-74 (1940-1944)	\$400
75-79 (1935-1939)	\$600
80 and above (1934 and earlier)	\$800

The Medisave top-ups will be paid out from August 2014.

#### **c) MediShield Life**

The Pioneer Generation will receive a special subsidy for their MediShield Life premiums starting from 40% of their premium at age 65, rising to 60% of their premium at age 90. The Pioneer Generation can expect **an average of at least 50% subsidy over their lifetime**.

More details will be provided after the MediShield Life Review Committee has finalised benefits and corresponding premiums later in 2014.

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<sup>1</sup> Require hands-on assistance with at least 3 Activities of Daily Living.

## **How to Receive the Pioneer Generation Package**

### For Pioneer Generation Disability Assistance Scheme

Eligible beneficiaries can come forward to apply for the assistance after going through a functional disability assessment. The Ministry of Health will provide more details on the application process later.

### For all other components of the Pioneer Generation Package

Letters will be sent out in August 2014 to all eligible Singaporeans with valid NRIC addresses to inform them of the benefits that they will receive. Those who are eligible are encouraged to keep their NRIC addresses updated.

The vast majority of the Pioneer Generation will **automatically** receive their benefits. They **do not need to do anything** to receive the Pioneer Generation Package because they have already signed up for previous Government transfer schemes<sup>2</sup> or are Central Provident Fund (CPF) members.

For a small number of the members of Pioneer Generation who have never signed up for any of these Government transfer schemes and are not CPF members, the Government will work with community organisations to reach out to them, so that they can receive their Pioneer Generation Package benefits.

### Appeals

There may be people who marginally miss out on the precise criteria, but have good claims to be counted among the Pioneer Generation. The Government will hence establish a panel to assess appeals on a case-by-case basis.

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<sup>2</sup> GST Voucher in 2012 and 2013, Growth Dividend in 2011 or GST Offset Package in 2007.

## Timeline

The implementation timeline for the Pioneer Generation Package is summarised in Table 3 below.

**Table 3 – Timeline for the Pioneer Generation Package**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
21 Feb 2014	<p>Members of the Pioneer Generation who wish to check their eligibility for the Pioneer Generation Package can do so through the Singapore Budget website. <a href="http://www.singaporebudget.gov.sg/budget_2014/pgp.aspx">http://www.singaporebudget.gov.sg/budget_2014/pgp.aspx</a>.</p> <p>They can also approach their nearest CitizenConnect Centres (CCC) if they need help to check their eligibility. A list of the CCC can be found below or at the following website: <a href="http://www.ecitizen.gov.sg/Topics/Pages/Citizen-Connect-Centre.aspx">http://www.ecitizen.gov.sg/Topics/Pages/Citizen-Connect-Centre.aspx</a>.</p> <p>Those who are eligible are encouraged to keep their NRIC addresses updated.</p>
Aug 2014	<p>Letters will be sent to the Pioneer Generation informing them of the benefits that they will get.</p> <p>Medisave top-ups will be credited to the Medisave Accounts of the Pioneer Generation.</p>
Sep 2014	<p>Additional subsidies will take effect for the Pioneer Generation at polyclinics and SOC services.</p> <p>Disability Assistance Scheme cash assistance will take effect for members of the Pioneer Generation with moderate to severe disabilities.</p>
Jan 2015	<p>Additional subsidies will take effect for the Pioneer Generation at General Practitioner and dental clinics participating in the Community Health Assist Scheme (CHAS).</p>
End-2015	<p>Subsidies for MediShield Life premium will take effect for the Pioneer Generation when MediShield Life is implemented.</p>

Please visit the MOF Budget website ([http://www.singaporebudget.gov.sg/budget\\_2014/home.aspx](http://www.singaporebudget.gov.sg/budget_2014/home.aspx)) for more information.

## List of CitizenConnect Centres (CCC) and operating hours

Operating hours for the CCC at the 25 Community Centres/ Clubs are from 12 pm to 8 pm, Mondays to Sundays (the peak period is from 6pm to 8pm each night). The Centres are closed on public holidays.

<b>Central region</b>		
Kallang Community Club	45 Boon Keng Road, Singapore 339771	6298-4582 6298-9038
Kim Seng Community Centre	570 Havelock Road, Singapore 169640	6272-3878
Tanjong Pagar Community Club	101 Cantonment Road, Singapore 089774	6221-9898 6223-6847
Toa Payoh Central Community Club	93 Toa Payoh Central, Singapore 319194	6252-1249
Thomson Community Club	194 Upper Thomson Road, Singapore 574339	6254-4550 6251-6344
Yio Chu Kang Community Club	50 Ang Mo Kio Street 61, Singapore 569163	6457-0414 6456-1324
<b>Northeast region</b>		
Eunos Community Club	180 Bedok Reservoir Road, Singapore 479220	6448-6971
Pasir Ris East Community Club	1 Pasir Ris Drive 4 #01-08, Singapore 519457	6584-2798
Sengkang Community Club	2 Sengkang Square, #01-01 Sengkang Community Hub, Singapore 545025	6312-5400
Tampines East Community Club	10 Tampines Street 23, Singapore 529341	6786-3227
The Serangoon	10 Serangoon North Ave 2, Singapore 555877	6285-6264
<b>Northwest region</b>		
Chong Pang Community Club	21 Yishun Ring Road, Singapore 768677	6758-8258
Fuchun Community Club	1 Woodlands Street 31, Singapore 738581	6365-6911
Ulu Pandan Community Club	170 Ghim Moh Road #01-01, Singapore 279621	6469-3154 6463-7333
Woodlands Community Club	1 Woodlands Street 81, Singapore 738526	6368-9938
Zhenghua Community Club	1 Segar Road, Singapore 677638	6310-6702
<b>Southeast region</b>		
Bedok Community Centre	850 New Upper Changi Road, Singapore 467352	6442-5317 6445-0633
Changi Simei Community Club	10 Simei Street 2, Singapore 529915	6781-6058
Marine Parade Community Club	278 Marine Parade Road, Singapore 449282	6346-7703
<b>Southwest region</b>		
Bt Batok East Community Club	23 Bukit Batok East Ave 4, Singapore 659841	6565-9330
Chua Chu Kang Community Club	35 Teck Whye Avenue, Singapore 688892	6769-1694
Gek Poh Ville Community	1, Jurong West St. 74 (649149)	6792-2750

Club		
The Frontier	60 Jurong West Central 3 #01-01, Singapore 648346	6795-8229
West Coast Community Centre	West Coast Community Centre 2 Clementi West Street 2, Singapore 129605	6779-1098
Yew Tee Community Club	20 Chua Chu Kang Street 52 #01-01, Singapore 689286	6769-3672

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