

# How changes to the subsidy scheme will affect you

The healthcare subsidy system is being revamped so those who need financial help the most will get more of it. While most patients will pay less out of pocket after the changes take effect in mid-2022, some higher-income households will pay a little more.



## ELDERLY COUPLE WITH LOW INCOME

Total monthly household income **\$1,200**  
Per capita household income **\$600**

Expected change in annual out-of-pocket payments **\$82 less**

Total amount of subsidies received by household

**Before the changes:** About **\$8,800**  
(Subsidy per household member: about \$4,400)  
**After the changes:** About **\$8,900**  
(Subsidy per household member: about \$4,450)

Members	Income	Healthcare utilisation	Current subsidy level	Subsidy level from mid-2022	Change in annual out-of-pocket payments*
73-year-old man	\$0	1 inpatient stay at a C class ward	80%	<b>80%</b>	-
		1 follow-on stay at a community hospital	75%	<b>80%</b>	\$82 less
		8 visits to a specialist outpatient clinic	70%	<b>70%</b>	-
63-year-old woman	\$1,200	8 visits to a specialist outpatient clinic	70%	<b>70%</b>	-

Changes to the inpatient and specialist outpatient clinic subsidies will not affect this couple as they will continue to receive the maximum subsidies after the changes kick in. The enhanced community hospital subsidies, which have had the maximum subsidy level raised to match acute hospital subsidies, will benefit the 73-year-old man and reduce his out-of-pocket cost.



## THREE-GENERATION HOUSEHOLD WITH MEDIAN INCOME

Total monthly household income **\$12,000**  
Per capita household income **\$2,000**

Expected change in annual out-of-pocket payments **\$267 less**

Total amount of subsidies received by household

**Before the changes:** About **\$9,300**  
(Subsidy per household member: \$1,550)  
**After the changes:** About **\$10,200**  
(Subsidy per household member: \$1,700)

Members	Income	Healthcare utilisation	Current subsidy level	Subsidy level from mid-2022	Change in annual out-of-pocket payments*
67-year-old man	\$0	1 inpatient stay at a C class ward	80%	<b>75%</b>	\$234 more
		1 follow-on stay at a community hospital	50%	<b>70%</b>	\$15 less
		8 visits to a specialist outpatient clinic	60%	<b>60%</b>	-
65-year-old woman	\$1,500	-	-	-	-
40-year-old man	\$8,500	1 inpatient stay at a B2 class ward	50%	<b>75%</b>	\$486 less
38-year-old woman	\$2,000	4 visits to a specialist outpatient clinic	60%	<b>60%</b>	-
12-year-old boy	\$0	-	-	-	-
9-year-old girl	\$0	-	-	-	-

- The main breadwinner in this household earns a relatively high individual income, which means he is currently accorded lower subsidies for his acute hospital stay. When the acute hospitals switch to calculating subsidies based on per capita household income instead of individual income, he will receive more subsidies.
- On the other hand, the retired 67-year-old man who does not earn any individual income will receive lower subsidies, as he has support from the rest of his household, even as he pays slightly less out of pocket for his community hospital stay.
- As a whole, this household will pay less out of pocket after the changes kick in.



## TWO-GENERATION HOUSEHOLD WITH HIGH INCOME

Total monthly household income **\$28,000**  
Per capita household income **\$7,000**

Expected change in annual out-of-pocket payments **\$152 more**

Total amount of subsidies received by household

**Before the changes:** About **\$2,700**  
(Subsidy per household member: \$675)  
**After the changes:** About **\$2,500**  
(Subsidy per household member: \$625)

Members	Income	Healthcare utilisation	Current subsidy level	Subsidy level from mid-2022	Change in annual out-of-pocket payments*
49-year-old man	\$16,000	-	-	-	-
48-year-old woman	\$12,000	1 inpatient stay at a B2 class ward	50%	<b>50%</b>	-
		1 follow-on episode treated at a community hospital	20%	<b>30%</b>	\$11 less
		4 visits to a specialist outpatient clinic	50%	<b>30%</b>	\$163 more
18-year-old boy	\$0	-	-	-	-
15-year-old girl	\$0	-	-	-	-

The changes will result in this household receiving less in subsidies, although this is slightly mitigated by an increase in subsidies for community hospitals. The woman will pay more out of pocket, but she can offset this if she uses her MediSave or MediShield Life insurance. Overall, the increase in out-of-pocket costs is small relative to this household's income.

\* Out-of-pocket payment estimates for the inpatient and community hospital settings factor in MediShield Life and MediSave coverage, but the estimates for the specialist outpatient clinic setting do not. This is because the availability of applicable MediShield Life and MediSave limits at specialist outpatient clinics depends on the condition that the patient is being managed for.

## CURRENT AND REVISED SUBSIDY LEVELS

### CURRENT

#### Acute Inpatient Subsidy Levels (Singapore Citizen)

Individual monthly income	C Ward Subsidy	B2 Ward Subsidy
\$3,200 and below	80%	65%
\$3,201 - \$3,350	79%	64%
\$3,351 - \$3,500	78%	63%
\$3,501 - \$3,650	77%	62%
\$3,651 - \$3,800	76%	61%
\$3,801 - \$3,950	75%	60%
\$3,951 - \$4,100	74%	59%
\$4,101 - \$4,250	73%	58%
\$4,251 - \$4,400	72%	57%
\$4,401 - \$4,550	71%	56%
\$4,551 - \$4,700	70%	55%
\$4,701 - \$4,850	69%	54%
\$4,851 - \$5,000	68%	53%
\$5,001 - \$5,100	67%	52%
\$5,101 - \$5,200	66%	51%
\$5,201 and above	65%	50%

Patients without an income will enjoy the full subsidy (65% for B2 class wards and 80% for C class wards) unless they live in a property with an annual value exceeding \$13,000. If they live in a property with an annual value exceeding \$13,000, they will receive a 50% subsidy for B2 class wards and a 65% subsidy for C class wards.

### REVISED

#### Acute Inpatient and Day Surgery Subsidy Levels (Singapore Citizen)

Monthly Per Capita Household Income (PCHI)	Subsidy
\$1,800 and below	80%
\$1,801 - \$2,000	75%
\$2,001 - \$2,200	70%
\$2,201 - \$2,500	65%
\$2,501 - \$2,800	60%
\$2,801 - \$3,100	55%
\$3,101 and above	50%

Patients without an income will enjoy the full subsidy (80% for B2 and C class wards, as well as day surgery) unless they live in a property with an annual value exceeding \$13,000. If they live in a property with an annual value exceeding \$13,000, they will receive a 50% subsidy.

### CURRENT

#### Community Hospital Subsidy Levels (Singapore Citizen)

PCHI	Subsidy
\$800 and below	75%
\$801 to \$1,200	60%
\$1,201 to \$2,000	50%
\$2,001 to \$2,800	45%
\$2,801 to \$3,300	40%
\$3,301 and above	20%

Patients without an income will enjoy the full subsidy (75%) unless they live in a property with an annual value exceeding \$13,000. If they live in a property with an annual value exceeding \$13,000, they will receive a 20% subsidy.

### REVISED

#### Revised Community Hospital Subsidy Levels (Singapore Citizen)

PCHI	Subsidy
\$1,200 and below	80%
\$1,201 - \$2,000	70%
\$2,001 - \$2,200	60%
\$2,201 - \$2,800	50%
\$2,801 - \$3,300	40%
\$3,301 and above	30%

Patients without an income will enjoy the full subsidy (80%) unless they live in a property with an annual value exceeding \$13,000. If they live in a property with an annual value exceeding \$13,000, they will receive a 30% subsidy.

### CURRENT

#### Current Specialist Outpatient Clinic Subsidy Levels (Singapore Citizen)

PCHI	Subsidy
\$1,200 and below	70%
\$1,201 - \$2,000	60%
\$2,001 and above	50%

Patients without an income will enjoy the full subsidy (70%) unless they live in a property with an annual value exceeding \$13,000. If they live in a property with an annual value between \$13,001 and \$21,000 inclusive, they will receive a 60% subsidy. If they live in a property with an annual value above \$21,000, they will receive a 50% subsidy.

### REVISED

#### Revised Specialist Outpatient Clinic Subsidy Levels (Singapore Citizen)

PCHI	Subsidy
\$1,200 and below	70%
\$1,201 - \$2,000	60%
\$2,001 - \$3,300	50%
\$3,301 - \$6,500	40%
\$6,501 and above	30%

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