



Ministry of Health
Committee of Supply 2025 Initiatives

IMPROVING OUR HEALTH IN THE NEXT BOUND



KEEPING HEALTHCARE AFFORDABLE AND SUSTAINABLE FOR ALL

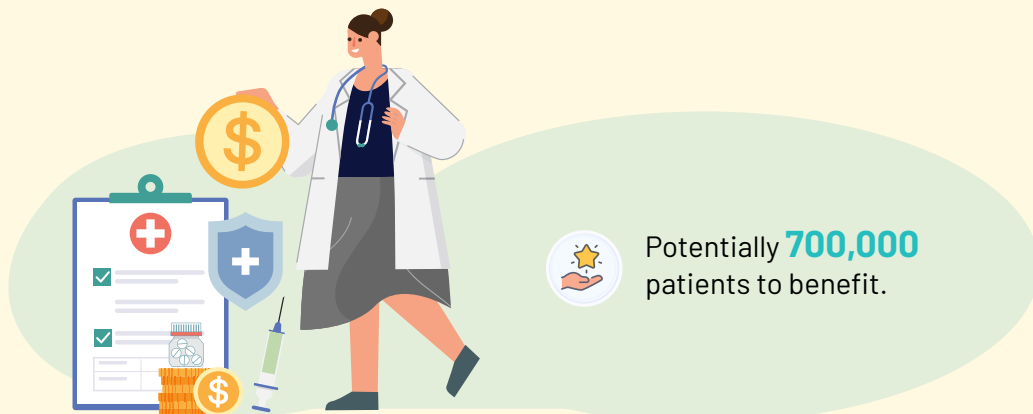
The Ministry of Health (MOH) will continue to review and enhance our financing schemes to ensure that healthcare and long-term care remain affordable and sustainable for all.

Improving Healthcare Affordability for Outpatient Treatments

- From 1 January 2026, double MediSave outpatient scans annual withdrawal limit from \$300 to \$600.



- From 1 October 2025, increase Flexi-MediSave annual withdrawal limit for Singaporeans aged 60 and above from \$300 to \$400, for outpatient medical treatments at SOCs, polyclinics, and GP clinics under CHAS.



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Strengthening Support for Oral Health

To ensure that dental care remains affordable, MOH will progressively implement enhancements from Q4 2025:

- Extend CHAS subsidy of up to \$45.50 for 10 basic and preventive dental procedures (such as scaling and polishing) to CHAS Orange cardholders.
- Raise subsidy limits significantly for 7 restorative dental procedures (such as root canal treatment) for Pioneer Generation, Merdeka Generation, CHAS Blue and CHAS Orange cardholders.
- Extend use of Flexi-MediSave for root canal treatments and permanent crowns at CHAS dental clinics and public healthcare institutions in mid-2026.
- Introduce fee benchmarks for common dental procedures.

CHAS dental subsidies will be extended in Q4 2025, benefiting up to **1.7 million** CHAS cardholders.



Improving Support for Fertility Preservation

We will provide financing support for the preservation of fertility where medically necessary treatment will cause irreversible infertility. These include:

- Up to 80% means-tested subsidies for embryo, egg and sperm freezing from June 2025.
- Extension of MediShield Life for surgical procedures for embryo, egg and ovarian tissue freezing from June 2026.
- Extension of MediSave for all components of embryo and ovarian tissue freezing from June 2026.



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Improving Support and Affordability of Long-Term Care

- Increase long-term care service subsidies by up to 15% points to a maximum of 80%
 - More to benefit from maximum subsidy - up to \$1,500 in monthly Per Capita Household Income (PCHI) instead of up to \$900 today.
- Raise monthly PCHI eligibility threshold for long-term care service subsidies from \$3,600 to \$4,800.
- Introduce additional cohort subsidies of 5% points for residential long-term care and 15% points for home and community long-term care for seniors born in 1969 or earlier.

Enhancements will take effect from July 2026. Interim rebates will be extended from July 2025 to June 2026.



Other enhancements:

- Raise monthly PCHI eligibility threshold for Home Caregiving Grant (HCG) and Seniors' Mobility and Enabling Fund (SMF) subsidies from \$3,600 to \$4,800.
- HCG quantum to increase, from up to \$400 to up to \$600.
- Extend subsidies for SMF to Permanent Residents.

More Drugs Eligible for Enhanced Subsidies under Healthier SG Chronic Tier

By mid-2025, 3 more drugs will be eligible for enhanced subsidies at GP clinics under the Healthier SG Chronic Tier - Evolocumab, Humalog Mix25 and Humalog Mix 50 Kwikpens®.

SUPPORTING HEALTH AND WELL-BEING ACROSS EVERY LIFE STAGE

MOH will continue to invest in population health efforts to inculcate healthy habits and improve longer-term health outcomes.

Starting Early for Better Health with Grow Well SG

- 22,000 Primary 1 to Primary 3 students have received and completed their Health Plan under HPB's annual School Health Screening programme. The remaining will be completed before end-2025.
- Pilot expansion of Health Plans to Primary 4 and Primary 5 students later this year, before considering full implementation in 2026.
- From 2 May 2025, introduce a new Childhood Health Behaviours Checklist at Childhood Developmental Screening visits for children aged up to 6 years at all polyclinics, GP and paediatric clinics.



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Encouraging Active Ageing

- 69 more Active Ageing Centres (AACs) island-wide; bringing total number from 154 in November 2023 to 223 in March 2025.
- AACs have widened their programme offerings to meet the diverse interests of seniors.
- 9 in 10 AACs have Cluster Community Health Posts within premises or close by.



Promoting Senior Volunteerism

- Recruited 1,400 Silver Guardian volunteers at AACs; on track to recruiting 2,400 by 2028.

Building a Senior-Friendly Living Environment

- Expanded housing options for seniors by launching up to 30 Community Care Apartment projects by 2030.



Strengthening Support for Seniors with Care Needs

- Mainstreaming Shared Stay-in Senior Care Services Sandbox to support families with caregiving needs.
- Forming Integrated Community Care Providers in each sub-region, to oversee long-term care coordination for seniors, and serve as a dedicated point of contact for them. By end-2026, all seniors with care needs can progressively look forward to receiving standardised care assessment and holistic long-term care plan coordinated across services.

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Enhancing Access to Mental Health Services

- Pairing Healthier SG clinics with Community Intervention Teams (COMIT) to enable smoother referrals, allowing Healthier SG enrollees to receive timely non-pharmacological interventions in the community.
- Launch of an Integrated Wellness Centre by end-2025, to provide integrated mental health services for youths aged 13 to 25 years and their caregivers.
- A youth crisis facility for youths at risk of suicide and self-harm is expected to be operational in 2027.
- Launch of the National Mental Health Helpline and Textline in mid-2025 to provide round-the-clock support for mental health.
- Over 137,000 frontline personnel and volunteers have received basic mental health training, exceeding the initial target of 130,000 set for 2030.



Expanding Access to HPB Healthy Lifestyle Activities in the Community

- In support of Healthier SG and Age Well SG, HPB conducted 2,100 sessions of community programmes in 2024, attended by 47,000 participants on a weekly basis.
- To further encourage participation, walk-ins will now be allowed for low to moderate intensity activities if there is available capacity.

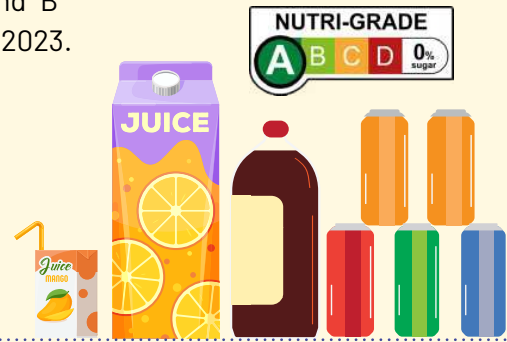


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Enhancing Health Promotion Efforts on Healthy Diets

SUGAR

- The median sugar level of pre-packaged beverages has decreased from 7.1% in 2017 to 4.6% in 2023.
- More than two-thirds of pre-packaged beverages are Nutri-Grade A or B, which is more than double as compared to 2017.
- Consumers have responded positively with sales of pre-packaged beverages graded "A" and "B" increasing from 37% in 2017 to 71% in 2023.
- The National Nutrition Survey 2022 showed that the average daily sugar intake for Singapore residents reduced from 60g in 2018 to 56g in 2022.



SODIUM

- Over 1,700 eateries have switched to lower-sodium ingredients by end-2024, an increase from 500 eateries in 2022.
- HPB's Healthier Ingredient Promotion Programme has reached out to 60 hawker centres.
- Many industry players have pledged their support for the "Less Salt, More Taste" movement.



TRANSFORMING THE HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE

As our population ages, the demand for healthcare services and manpower will continue to increase.

Medical Workforce Transformation

- Doctors in public acute hospitals will increasingly lead care teams in coordinating and managing cross-specialty issues to consolidate care for their patients, who will benefit from holistic care.
- Patients continue to have access to experts and resources when needed. Those with complex medical needs could potentially reduce the number of referrals and hospital visits.



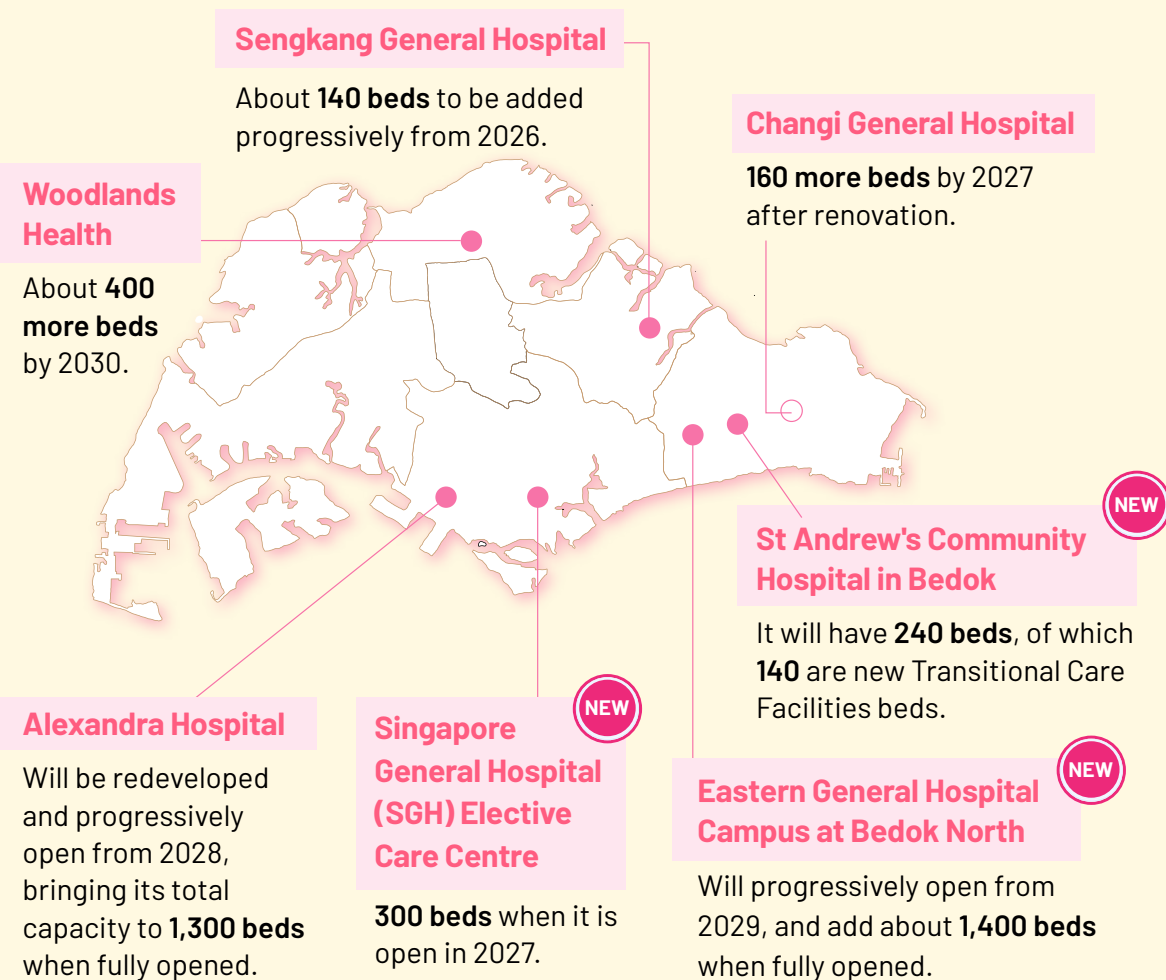
Updates on Recruitment and Retention of Healthcare Workers

- 3,800 new nurses recruited in 2024.
- About 20% increase in annual local intake over the past 10 years, through our Institutes of Higher Learning.
- Launched ANGEL to retain nurses - 24,000 public healthcare institution nurses have benefited, and an additional 2,900 nurses in community care organisations and Social Service Agencies will benefit next.
- 37,000 allied health professionals, pharmacists, and administrative, ancillary and support staff can expect increases to their monthly salaries - details to be announced in mid-2025.
- Increased intakes across the three medical schools from about 440 in 2014 to 550 in 2024.

EXPANDING HEALTHCARE CAPACITY

Since 2020, we have expanded healthcare capacity by over 6,300 beds, which includes 1,200 acute hospital beds.

From 2025 to 2030, we will add 13,600 beds to the healthcare system. This includes adding about 2,800 public acute and community hospital beds to over 12,000 public hospital beds today.



10,600 nursing home beds will be added by 2030.

Plans beyond 2030

- From 2030 to 2040, **SGH and National University Hospital (NUH) campuses** would have undergone major redevelopment
 - SGH Campus:** Phase 1 redevelopment work is ongoing, with planning for Phase 2 underway.
 - NUH Kent Ridge Campus:** Redevelopment has commenced to meet the growing healthcare needs in the Western region, with **total bed capacity of 1,500** by 2038.
- Tengah General and Community Hospital in Tengah Town**, targeted to be ready in early 2030s.

With the above, we will have a total of **13 public acute hospitals** and **12 community hospitals** in the early 2030s.

Growing our polyclinics network

We are on track to expand our network of polyclinics from 26 in end-2024, to 32 by 2030.

5 Polyclinics	2 Polyclinics	6 Polyclinics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bidadari Kaki Bukit Serangoon Tengah Yew Tee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bishan Taman Jurong 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bukit Merah Clementi Jurong Outram Queenstown Toa Payoh
Scheduled to be completed by 2027	Scheduled to be completed by 2030	Will be redeveloped by 2030





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