

INPATIENT HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICE (IHPCS)



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Inpatient Hospice Palliative Care Service (IHPCS)

IHPCS is a national initiative developed by MOH to provide patient-centric and seamless care to inpatients receiving palliative care following a standardised service framework. Palliative care aims to improve the quality of life of patients with life-limiting illness and their families through the prevention and relief of suffering. IHPCS serves end-of-life patients who cannot be cared for at home and require inpatient care. These patients may be admitted for terminal care or a trial of treatment.

Scope of Service under IHPCS

- General palliative care is for patients with palliative care needs that require inpatient management. Examples include relieving symptoms such as pain and breathlessness through oral and subcutaneous medication, as well as socio-emotional support for patients and caregivers during this difficult time in their lives.
- Specialised palliative care is for patients with complex needs that require higher levels of care (compared with general palliative care). Examples include the administration of intravenous medication and specialised wound care for complex wounds.

Patients will be assigned to the appropriate tier based on their goals of care and needs. Each patient's assigned tier will be regularly reviewed and updated by doctors as needed.

How to apply?

- Patients can be admitted to IHPCS from acute hospitals. Patients and caregivers in the community can approach your regular doctors or a medical social worker to initiate a referral for IHPCS.

Subsidies & Charges

- Singapore citizens and permanent residents admitted into IHPCS are eligible for means-tested government subsidies of up to 80%, as well as MediShield Life (MSHL) coverage and MediSave withdrawal.

| IHPCS Cat 1 (General) | Singapore Citizen | Permanent Resident | Foreign Resident |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Average Daily Bill Size | \$166 - \$318 | \$318 - \$428 | \$966 |
| Est. Daily Bill Balance after MSHL | \$17 - \$32 | \$32 - \$43 | \$966 |

MSHL coverage limit is up to \$460 per day.

Estimated daily bill balance after MSHL may be eligible for further MediSave deduction of up to \$250 per day.

| IHPCS Cat 2A/2B (Specialised) | Singapore Citizen | Permanent Residents | Foreign Residents |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Average Daily Bill Size | \$158 - \$338 | \$338 - \$458 | \$1209 |
| Est. Daily Bill Balance after MSHL | \$16 - \$34 | \$34 - \$46 | \$1209 |

MSHL coverage limit is up to \$500 per day.

Estimated daily bill balance after MSHL may be eligible for further MediSave deduction of up to \$350 per day.

Further Notes:

- The above rates are in Singapore Dollars.
- The rates shown for non-subsidised patients are inclusive of 9% GST. Rates shown for Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents exclude GST.
- GST is absorbed by MOH for subsidised patients for eligible services.