Government Vaccination Programme 2017/18 (free pneumococcal vaccination)

Eligible groups	Major service providers
1. Community-living elderly* with high-risk conditions# attending public clinics	• Elderly Health Centres and clinics of Department of Health • General Out-patient Clinics and Special Out-patient Clinics of Hospital Authority
2. Community-living elderly*: • Recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance • Holders of valid Certificate for Waiver of Medical Charges issued by Social Welfare Department (with/without high-risk conditions#)	• Elderly Health Centres of Department of Health • General Out-patient Clinics of Hospital Authority
3. Residents: • Residents of residential care homes for the elderly • Elderly* in residential care homes for the disabled (with/without high-risk conditions#)	• Visiting Medical Officers
4. Elderly* in-patients under Hospital Authority: • With high-risk conditions# • In infirmary, psycho-geriatric, mentally ill or mentally handicapped units/wards	• Hospitals of Hospital Authority

Vaccination Subsidy Scheme 2017/18 (subsidised pneumococcal vaccination)

Eligible groups	Service providers
Community-living elderly* with/without high-risk conditions# who are Hong Kong residents	Enrolled private doctors

* Aged 65 or above

High-risk conditions include:
• History of invasive pneumococcal disease, cerebrospinal fluid leakage or cochlear implant;
• Chronic cardiovascular (except hypertension without complications), lung, liver or kidney diseases;
• Metabolic diseases including diabetes mellitus or obesity (Body Mass Index 30 or above);
• Immunocompromised states related to weakened immune system due to conditions such as asplenia, Human Immunodeficiency Virus infection/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome or cancer/steroid treatment; and
• Chronic neurological conditions that can compromise respiratory functions or the handling of respiratory secretions or increase the risk for aspiration, or those who lack the ability to take care of themselves.