

Seniors' Mobility and Enabling Fund

By Agency for Integrated Care

The Senior's Mobility Fund (SMF), launched in April 2011 with a total funding of \$10 million, is administered by the Agency for Integrated Care (AIC) and has benefited about 1,500 seniors.

Based on the feedback received from institutions, voluntary welfare organisations and community outreach programmes, the Government has responded to applicants' needs on the ground by expanding the fund into a \$50 million Seniors' Mobility and Enabling Fund, which is still known as SMF. The enhanced SMF will cover three aspects – subsidies for mobility devices, transport and consumables. This will provide more holistic and comprehensive support for seniors to live independently in the community, as well as support caregivers in caring for their seniors at home.

AIC will continue to administer the enhanced SMF.

The enhanced SMF

Under the expanded SMF, the subsidy will make a wider range of assistive devices available to seniors. In addition to basic wheelchairs, the fund will provide subsidies for motorised wheelchairs and other essential items, such as commodes, shower chairs, geriatric chairs, hospital beds and pressure relief mattresses that keep seniors functionally independent, mobile and enabled. Subsidies for spectacles and hearing aids are also covered under the enhanced SMF. Lastly, the enhanced SMF

will subsidise consumables such as milk and diapers, to defray the costs for frail seniors being cared for at home by home care providers.

More seniors can also tap on the enhanced SMF Transport Subsidy. In addition to seniors receiving active rehabilitation care at a day rehabilitation centre (DRC), those who are wheelchair-ambulant and receiving maintenance rehabilitation at a DRC, are also eligible for the transport subsidy. Wheelchair-ambulant seniors receiving dialysis treatment at a Ministry of Health (MOH)-funded renal dialysis centre, and seniors (regardless of mobility status) receiving care at an MOH-funded dementia day care centre (DDCC), are also eligible for the SMF Transport Subsidy.

How to apply

The enhanced SMF will have many more application channels, including participating restructured and community hospitals, DRCs, home care providers, as well as AIC. The changes to the current SMF will take effect from 1 July 2013. If you receive any enquiries with regard to the enhanced SMF, you can refer them to AIC's mainline during office hours at 6603 6800 or email the AIC SMF team at smf.mobility@aic.sg. Clients who wish to apply for SMF can also contact AIC via the above methods. **SMA**

Seniors' Mobility and Enabling Fund	Who can apply?	Benefits
Device Subsidy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singaporean • 60 years old and above • Passed means test, verified via one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Valid Community Health Assist Scheme cardholder (blue and orange) ◦ Valid Public Assistance cardholder ◦ Simplified Means Test (applicant lives in a three-room HDB flat or smaller and the recommended device costs \$500 and below) ◦ Household Means-Test Declaration Form (monthly per capita household income of \$1,500 and below) • Not receiving other sources of funding for similar assistive devices • Subject to therapist's assessment * Current SMF beneficiaries can apply for the enhanced scheme 	<p>Receive a subsidy of up to 90% of the cost of the devices needed, subjected to different maximum subsidy caps corresponding to the type of device.</p> <p>To illustrate, a senior only needs to copay \$30 for a basic wheelchair that costs \$300, or \$20 for a commode or shower chair that costs \$200.</p>
Consumable Subsidy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singaporean • 60 years old and above • Monthly per capita household income of \$1,500 and below • Receiving home-based healthcare services such as home nursing or home medical service. They can also be under AIC's Singapore Programme for Integrated Care for the Elderly • Not receiving other sources of funding for similar consumables 	Subsidy quantum depends on the means testing outcome for the senior
Transport Subsidy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wheelchair-ambulant Singaporean • 55 years old and above • Require specialised transport to attend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Rehabilitation at an MOH-funded DRC; or ◦ Dialysis treatment at an MOH-funded renal dialysis centre; or ◦ Care at a DDCC, regardless of patient's mobility • Monthly per capita household income of \$2,200 and below • Not receiving other sources of funding for specialised transport 	