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More S’pore residents to pay less for healthcare

Income ceilings for subsidies to be raised by Oct; those paying less to get extra help

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In future, more people will qualify for healthcare subsidies, and some of those who are already entitled to pay less will get additional help to offset their medical expenses.

Nearly 363,000 Singapore residents will enjoy more healthcare subsidies after the Health Ministry’s revision of income eligibility criteria for various schemes, ranging from basic medical assistance to clinic visits.

Each person in a household can earn an average of $100 and $100 more per month and still qualify for the most means-tested subsidy.

“More seniors aged 60 years and above; more than 7,000 people are on dialysis, with many more waiting for transplants. Thirteen-year-old girl with sickle-cell anemia; her single mother is struggling to pay medical bills,” Mr Gan said when announcing the revision.

Additional help will increase funding from $2,600 to $2,800. This means 363,000 Singapore residents will enjoy higher subsidies.

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