Illustrations of Improved Affordability using Actual Bills

Illustration 1

Patient: Middle-income Singaporean with breast cancer

Cancer Drug Regimen: One high-cost drug and one low-cost drug

Services: Consultation fees and lab investigations fees

	Cancer Drug Bill		Services Bill	
	Current	Revised	Current	Revised
Bill before Subsidy ¹	\$3,130	\$1,785	\$410	No Change
Subsidy ²	(\$10)	(\$890)	(\$220)	
MediShield Life ³	(\$2,805)	(\$800)	(\$170)	
Net Amount Payable	\$315	\$95	\$20	
MediSave ⁴	(\$315)	(\$95)	(\$20)	
Balance Payable	\$0	\$0	\$0	

¹ In future, price of high-cost drug will be reduced after negotiation with manufacturer

² Today, only the low-cost drug and services are subsidised. In future, the high-cost drug will also be subsidised after price reduction

³ MediShield Life fully covers the post-subsidy bill subject to 10% co-insurance

⁴ MediSave covers the co-insurance

Illustration 2

Patient: Middle-income Singaporean with kidney cancer

Cancer Drug Regimen: Very high-cost drugs

Services: Consumables, facility fees, consultation fees and lab investigations fees

	Cancer Drug Bill		Services Bill	
	Current	Revised	Current	Revised
Bill before Subsidy ¹	\$22,570	\$11,340	\$1,170	\$1,170
Subsidy ²	(\$0)	(\$5,670)	(\$640)	(\$640)
MediShield Life ³	(\$3,000)	(\$5,100)	(\$0)	(\$475)
Net Amount Payable	\$19,570	\$570	\$530	\$55
MediSave⁴	(\$1,200)	(\$570)	(\$0)	(\$55)
Balance Payable	\$18,370	\$0	\$530	\$0

¹ In future, drug prices will be reduced after negotiation with manufacturers

² Today, there is no subsidy for the drugs as they are not cost-effective. In future, subsidy will be extended after the price reductions

³Today, MediShield Life payout is capped by the claim limit. In future, with higher claim limits for the very high cost drugs and a separate claim limit for cancer drug services, MediShield Life will fully cover the post-subsidy bill subject to 10% co-insurance

⁴ Today, MediSave use is capped by the withdrawal limit. In future, MediSave will cover the coinsurance