

HELP SEVERELY DISABLED PATIENTS BY BECOMING AN ACCREDITED ASSESSOR

By Agency for Integrated Care

To strengthen Community Care support for Singaporeans, the following key severe disability schemes will be introduced from 2020:

1. **CareShield Life** – this is an enhanced version of ElderShield that provides lifetime cash payouts to severely disabled policyholders. Payouts start at \$600 every month, and increase over time till the policyholder turns 67, or starts to make claims.
2. **MediSave withdrawals for long-term care** – this enables a severely disabled individual to withdraw up to \$200 every month in cash from his/her own or spouse's MediSave.
3. **ElderFund** – this provides up to \$250 every month in cash payouts to low-income, severely disabled Singaporeans unable to join CareShield Life, or have low MediSave balances and insufficient savings for their long term care needs.

These schemes will complement the existing ElderShield and Interim Disability Assistance Programme for the Elderly (IDAPE) schemes in providing long-term care support to severely disabled Singaporeans.

To start receiving payouts under any of these severe disability schemes, individuals need to go for a disability assessment conducted by an accredited assessor before being assessed for claims.

With the new schemes, MOH anticipates an increase in the number of claims and severe disability assessments needed.

As the first and continuous line of care for Singaporeans, GPs like you play an invaluable role in working with AIC to coordinate the care that severely disabled individuals require. Becoming an accredited severe disability assessor further strengthens this partnership.

Enhancements to support GPs who wish to become accredited assessors

Training has been made easier! Training now comprises an e-learning course and a half-day classroom training, which has been significantly shortened from the current two days. CME points will also be given for GPs who complete the training. At the end of the workshop, prospective assessors will need to take an online test to become accredited.



Revamped curriculum to facilitate holistic assessments. This includes how assessors can better account for the impact of cognitive impairment on an individual's ability to perform the various Activities of Daily Living (ADL). For example, the new curriculum highlights how cognitive impairment may affect the ADLs, and guides assessors to use the Mini-Mental State Examination for cognitively impaired individuals.



Increase in assessment fees, to better recognise effort required. Accredited assessors will be reimbursed **\$100 for disability assessments performed in your clinics, and \$250 for house call assessments.** This is an increase from the current fees of \$50 and \$150 respectively.



The first wave of training will start in 2019 4Q and sign-up details will be shared soon. In the meantime, please contact the **AIC Primary Care Engagement team** at 6632 1199 or gp@aic.sg if you have any queries.