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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HONG KONG
SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Dear Enrolled Health Care Providers (EHCPs),

**Direction under Clause 38 of
the Definitions, and Terms and Conditions of Agreement of
the Health Care Voucher Scheme**

Based on the findings of the interim review of the Health Care Voucher Scheme (“HCVS”), the Government has allowed optometrists with Part I registration under the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance (Cap. 359) to participate in the HCVS starting from 1 January 2012 to facilitate the greater use of preventive care services concerning eye conditions by the elderly.

In line with the above policy intent, we write to notify you that a direction is hereby issued pursuant to Clause 38¹ of the “Definitions, and Terms and Conditions of Agreement” of the HCVS (“the Agreement”) with effect from the date of this letter that voucher claims should not be made by optometrists under the HCVS for services unrelated to eye or vision care.

As you may appreciate, non-compliance with any directions issued by the Government under the Agreement or in relation to the HCVS may be treated as breach of Clause 38 of the Agreement. In particular, pursuant to Clause 34 of the Agreement, the Government shall have no obligation to pay the EHCP or his Associated Organization the value of any voucher if the EHCP or his Associated Organization is in breach of any provisions in the Agreement. The Government reserves the right to recover the payment from the EHCP or his Associated Organization if such a voucher claim has been reimbursed. Furthermore, pursuant to Clause 5(b) of the Agreement, the Government may at any time terminate the Agreement forthwith by written notice to the EHCP if the EHCP or his Associated Organization fails to comply with any provision in the Agreement or with any direction or requirement given by the Government or Director of Health in relation to the HCVS.

Should you have any enquiries, please call the Health Care Voucher Unit at 3582 4102.

Yours faithfully,


(Ms Natalie CHAN)
for Director of Health

¹ Clause 38 of the Agreement stipulates that the Enrolled Health Care Provider and his Associated Organization shall comply with all directions given by the Director of Health or the Government from time to time under the Agreement or in relation to the HCVS.