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Dear Editor

Doctor-prescribed drugs may be subsidised

I refer to the letter "Pensioners concerned about drug costs" by Mr Ho Kong Loon (ST, Dec 11).

Subsidies for Civil Service pensioners on the old medical benefits schemes cover standard drugs, treatments or tests because these standard items would be sufficient in the treatment of most medical conditions.

I would like to assure Mr Ho that items classified as non-standard may be subsidised if they are prescribed by doctors as necessary for diagnosis or treatment; and where standard alternatives are not suitable or available.

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