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Health and Worthiness

A healthy life is the prere uisite for leading an active and productive life. We will extend the scope and type of health care, medical and community support services for the elderly, so that they can en oy good physical and mental health, a better self-image, and an active and productive life.

To provide dedicated medical and health services

Initiatives

We will set up 12 Elderly ealth Centres with integrated services in 1998-99 and another six in 1999-2000 to provide preventive and curative medical services to the elderly.

We will establish one additional psychogeriatric team to enable the provision of early diagnosis and intervention service as well as uality care in rehabilitation.

Benefits

- ✓ This will enable us to take a significant step forward in developing a comprehensive preventive health care programme for our elderly population.
- ✓ An additional 600 psychogeriatric patients will benefit each year.





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To provide dedicated medical and health services

Initiatives

We will provide over 1 000 infirmary beds and 120 geriatric day places in the next five years.

We will establish one additional community geriatric assessment team to provide preadmission assessment to applicants for subvented residential places and provide outreaching specialist medical support to the subvented residential institutions.

Benefits

- ✓ These will strengthen the in-patient and ambulatory care services to elderly patients.
- ✓ An additional 1 625 elderly patients will benefit each year.





To provide necessary social services

Initiatives

We will provide eight additional Multiservice Centres for the elderly in the three years 1998-2001.

We will set up 36 integrated teams in all existing Multi-service Centres for the Elderly and new centres coming into service by March 2001 to provide dedicated social networking and outreaching services to vulnerable single elderly.

Benefits

- ✓ 7 000 more elderly people ageing in the community will have access to a range of community support services and social programmes.
- ✓ This will provide help to 12 000 elderly who are living alone and who have registered with the social networking service.



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To encourage the elderly to lead an active life

Initiatives Benefits We will provide 23 additional Social ✓ This will help meet the social and Centres for the Elderly in the four years recreational needs of the 10 000 1998-2002 elderly. With the creation of 36 integrated teams, all ✓ This will help to enhance the self-Multi-service Centres for the Elderly will image of the elderly. develop an Elderly Volunteer Programme to encourage elderly to contribute participate as active members of the community. We will explore the possibility of Social ✓ This will help meet the social and Centres working closely with relevant recreational needs of the elderly. government departments in providing recreational programmes for the elderly.