

PRESS RELEASE

Active Global Appointed by Ministry of Health to Provide Subsidised In-Home Eldercare Services

Provision to hire and train Singaporeans as Home Personal Care Attendants creates job opportunities for those seeking mid-career switch

Singapore – Active Global Specialised Caregivers (Active Global) is the first private home care provider to be appointed by the Ministry of Health (MOH) to offer subsidised *Interim Caregiver Service* for seniors as part of a new MOH scheme. The *Interim Caregiver Service* provides two weeks of subsidised care specifically for elderly patients who have higher care needs and require personal care services as they transit from hospital back to their home environment while waiting for their longer term care arrangements.

This is part of Active Global's new Home & Community Care service, which will be launched on 16 January 2017, that aims to provide subsidised home care options to elderly patients who do not require live-in care. Active Global's Home & Community Care service will also offer subsidised *Home Personal Care* services to patients on a long-term basis. These home-based services are set to meet the demand for eldercare services in Singapore and are aligned with Government's efforts to increase capacity for home care support to achieve 'Home First' aspiration for seniors who prefer to age well in their own home.

To ensure that there are enough professionally trained caregivers in Singapore to meet this demand, Active Global has launched an initiative to hire and train up Singaporeans that have the interest in taking up the call of becoming Home Personal Care Attendants. It will offer full-time and part-time positions on payroll, with the possibility of flexi-time options for both. Monthly salaries would range from S\$1,000 for part-time positions and up to S\$1,900 for full-time roles, with benefits including CPF contributions, paid annual leave, sick leave and bonus for high attendance. Active Global's flexi-time arrangements will allow Home Personal Care Attendants to work on days and times that are mutually convenient for them and for the patients, and to provide home care services within their neighbourhood.

Ideal for Singaporeans who are either looking for a mid-career switch or are seeking a profession in eldercare, Active Global will provide free comprehensive in-house training on the basic and advanced caregiving skills needed to perform home personal care tasks safely and professionally. The training programme will consist of classroom and practical hands-on sessions conducted by Active Global's in-house training team of experienced and professional nurses and will cover hygiene, communication, assistance with Activities of Daily Living, nutrition, specific age-related medical conditions, medication and basic first aid.

Qualified local healthcare assistants and nursing aides with either an advanced WSQ certificate in healthcare support or an ISC in Health Care (Home Care) from an ITE Approved Training Centre are also welcome to apply. Only suitable candidates, who have not only passed the competency assessment but also the right aptitude and temperaments, will be hired as Active Global Home Personal Care Attendants.

Ms Yorelle Kalika, Founder and CEO of Active Global Specialised Caregivers, said: "With our new Home & Community Care services, we are not only able to now provide subsidised in-home eldercare, but also hire and train Singaporeans who are keen to consider a meaningful career in community care for seniors, and to be actively involved in a sunrise sector that offers an abundance of job opportunities. They include people who have long considered a career in healthcare but may not have had the relevant experience, those seeking a job with time flexibility, back-to-work mothers, as well as those who due to the current economic climate may have found themselves currently unemployed."

"To be working in collaboration with the Ministry of Health in making eldercare more accessible is a great honour for us, and it recognises Active Global's role in providing quality eldercare to Singaporeans over the past four years. These programmes are very exciting in that it will allow us to offer more services to meet the increasing demand for eldercare in Singapore. In addition to full-time live-in care, we are now able to provide for those who only require daily visits from a home care professional, those who require a stand-in while their caregiver is away or are on their day off, and those in transition from hospital who are waiting for their live-in caregiver to arrive," said Ms Kalika.

Home Personal Care

Home Personal Care is a service subsidised by the Ministry of Health that provides in-home assistance for patients who require support with Activities of Daily Living and Instrumental Activities of Daily Living over a long-term basis. Eligible patients will receive up to nine to twelve hours of subsidised home care per week. Should additional hours of care be required, Active Global will be able to continue providing care at a non-subsidised rate. This service will be available to patients who are referred by the Agency for Integrated Care, as well as to 'walk-in' patients who can also apply for the subsidy directly through Active Global, whose Medical Social Worker will conduct a means-testing to determine eligibility.

Interim Caregiver Service

The Interim Caregiver Service is a scheme by the Ministry of Health that provides short-term in-home care for patients who are transitioning from hospital back home and are waiting for their long-term care arrangements, such as the arrival of their foreign live-in caregiver, to be in place. It provides a skilled caregiver for six 12-hour shifts a week for up to two weeks. This service is available only to patients who are referred by the Agency for Integrated Care or by an acute and community hospital.

For more information on Active Global and the subsidies under the Home Personal Care and Interim Caregiver Services, call +65 65360086 or visit www.activeglobalcaregiver.sg

About Active Global Specialised Caregivers

Active Global Specialised Caregivers (Active Global) is the leading provider of holistic, professional and affordable home-based care and nursing services for the elderly with complex medical conditions. This includes providing assistance with activities of daily living to patients with dementia, stroke, Parkinson's disease, cancer, heart condition, visual/hearing impairment and who are bed/wheelchair-bound.

Meeting the increasing demand for personalised home-based patient care in Asia, Active Global was incorporated in 2012 to fill the gap between hospitals, day care centres and nursing homes by providing the highest quality care to more than 1,700 patients regionally. It has a strong and established presence in Singapore, Hong Kong and Shanghai.

Managed by experienced healthcare professionals, Active Global in Singapore offers live-in care services through its team of more than 400 qualified and trained nurses and nursing aides from across the region. It also has 50 local registered nurses who provide respite care services.

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