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**CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND ACT
(CHAPTER 36)**

**CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND (MEDISAVE ACCOUNT
WITHDRAWALS) (AMENDMENT NO. 2)
REGULATIONS 2014**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 77(1)(j) of the Central Provident Fund Act, the Minister for Manpower, after consulting with the Central Provident Fund Board, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Central Provident Fund (Medisave Account Withdrawals) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2014 and shall come into operation on 1 January 2015.

Amendment of regulation 2

2. Regulation 2(1) of the Central Provident Fund (Medisave Account Withdrawals) Regulations (Rg 17) (referred to in these Regulations as the principal Regulations) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “member”, the following definition:

“ “non-qualifying medical treatment” means any medical treatment for which no withdrawal from a medisave account may be made under these Regulations;”;
and

(b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “out-patient”, the following definition:

“ “out-patient scan” means any scan which —

(a) is performed on an out-patient for the purpose of —

(i) providing diagnostic imaging to investigate any medical condition of the out-patient; or

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- (ii) providing clinical information for any non-qualifying medical treatment received by the out-patient; and
 - (b) may include magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computerised tomography (CT) scans, positron emission tomography (PET) scans, ultrasound imaging and mammograms, but does not include the following:
 - (i) any cancer scan or diagnostic test defined in regulation 13(7);
 - (ii) any scan for health screening purposes;
 - (iii) any scan not instructed by an approved medical practitioner;
 - (iv) any scan performed at the emergency department of an approved medical institution;”.

Amendment of regulation 3

3. Regulation 3 of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (8), the following paragraph:

“(9) For the purposes of this regulation and regulations 4, 13(1), 23 and 25, unless the context otherwise requires, “medical treatment” includes an out-patient scan.”.

Amendment of regulation 4

4. Regulation 4(1) of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after “13,”, “13A,”.

Amendment of regulation 9

5. Regulation 9(1) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting “\$160” in sub-paragraph (b) and substituting “\$200”.

Amendment of regulation 9A

6. Regulation 9A of the principal Regulations is amended —
- (a) by deleting “\$1,500” in paragraph (1)(a) and substituting “\$2,500”; and

(b) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (1), the following paragraph:

“(1A) The limit referred to in paragraph (1)(a) does not apply if the withdrawal from a member’s medisave account is for the payment of any medical treatment (other than any approved vaccination) received by the member at home as an out-patient from an approved palliative care provider in respect of such terminal illness as may be approved by the Minister for Health.”.

Amendment of regulation 13

7. Regulation 13 of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after “9A,” in paragraph (1), “13A,”;
- (b) by deleting the word “outpatient” in paragraph (6) and substituting the word “out-patient”; and
- (c) by deleting the regulation heading and substituting the following regulation heading:

“Out-patient medical treatment and approved medical treatment, etc.”.

New regulation 13A

8. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 13, the following regulation:

“Out-patient scans

13A.—(1) Where, on or after 1 January 2015, a member or his dependant has undergone any out-patient scan approved by the Minister for Health for the purposes of this regulation, the amount that may be withdrawn by the member for the payment of such scan must not exceed \$300 per year per patient or the total credit balance in the member’s medisave account, whichever is the lower.

(2) Any withdrawal by a member under this regulation shall be subject to such terms and conditions as the Minister for Health may impose.”.

Amendment of regulation 24

9. Regulation 24(1) of the principal Regulations is amended —
- (a) by deleting the word “or” at the end of sub-paragraph (i); and
 - (b) by deleting the comma at the end of sub-paragraph (j) and substituting the word “; or”, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following sub-paragraph:
“(k) any out-patient scan under regulation 13A,”.

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