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CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND ACT (CHAPTER 36)

CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND (MEDISAVE ACCOUNT WITHDRAWALS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2020

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, makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the Central Provident Fund (Medisave Account Withdrawals) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 and come into operation on 1 April 2020.

Amendment of regulation 2

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

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “approved in-patient hospice”, the following definition:

““approved in-patient palliative care service provider” or “approved IPC provider” means any premises that provide in-patient palliative care and are approved by the Minister charged with the responsibility for health for the purposes of these Regulations;” and

(b) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (ia) of the definition of “approved medical institution”, the following paragraph:

“(iaa) approved IPC provider;”.

Amendment of regulation 3

3. Regulation 3 of the principal Regulations is amended —

(a) by deleting the word “or” at the end of sub-paragraph (D) of paragraph (3)(b)(i), and by inserting immediately thereafter the following sub-paragraph:

“(DA) any approved IPC provider;
or”;

(b) by deleting sub-paragraph (iii) of paragraph (3)(b) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(iii) dies on or after 1 July 2006 in the premises referred to in sub-paragraph (i)(A), (B), (C), (D), (DA) or (E), as the case may be;”;
and

(c) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (10), the following paragraph:

“(11) For the purposes of this regulation and regulations 4, 9AA, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 25A, unless the context otherwise requires, “medical treatment” includes in-patient palliative care.”.

Amendment of regulation 4

4. Regulation 4 of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after “9,” in paragraphs (1) and (3), “9AA,”.

Amendment of regulation 9

5. Regulation 9 of the principal Regulations is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the words “\$200 per day” in paragraph (1)(b), the words “, if the member or the member’s dependant was admitted to the approved in-patient hospice before 1 April 2020”; and

- (b) by inserting, immediately after the word “hospices” in the regulation heading, the words “for admission before 1 April 2020”.

New regulation 9AA

6. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 9, the following regulation:

“In-patient medical treatment in approved IPC provider for admission on or after 1 April 2020

9AA.—(1) Where a member or the member’s dependant is admitted to an approved IPC provider for approved general palliative care or approved specialised palliative care on or after 1 April 2020, the member may withdraw moneys from the member’s medisave account for the payment of medical treatment (other than any approved vaccination) received by the member or the member’s dependant (as the case may be) in the approved IPC provider.

(2) Subject to regulation 4, the total amount that a member may withdraw under paragraph (1) —

(a) must not exceed —

- (i) \$250 for each day that the member or the member’s dependant (as the case may be) is admitted for approved general palliative care; or
- (ii) \$350 for each day that the member or the member’s dependant (as the case may be) is admitted for approved specialised palliative care; and

(b) must not exceed the total credit balance in the member’s medisave account.

(3) Paragraphs (1) and (2) do not apply to any form of medical treatment that has not been approved by the Minister for Health for the purposes of these Regulations.”.

Miscellaneous amendments

7. The principal Regulations are amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “or an approved in-patient hospice” in regulations 22(1)(a) and 24(1)(a) and substituting in each case the words “, an approved in-patient hospice or an approved IPC provider”; and
- (b) by deleting the words “or approved in-patient hospice” in regulations 22(2)(c) and 24(1A)(a) and substituting in each case the words “, approved in-patient hospice or approved IPC provider”.

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