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### **MEDISHIELD LIFE SCHEME ACT 2015 (ACT 4 OF 2015)**

#### **MEDISHIELD LIFE SCHEME (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2018**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 34 of the MediShield Life Scheme Act 2015, the Minister for Health makes the following Regulations:

#### **Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations are the MediShield Life Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2018 and come into operation on 14 May 2018.

#### **Amendment of regulation 2**

2. Regulation 2(1) of the MediShield Life Scheme Regulations 2015 (G.N. No. S 622/2015) (called in these Regulations the principal Regulations) is amended by inserting, immediately after the definition of “approved medical practitioner”, the following definitions:

“ “approved OS”, “OS application”, “OS scheme” and “relevant amount” have the meanings given by the MediShield Life Scheme (Scheme for Overseas Singapore Citizens) Regulations 2016 (G.N. No. S 535/2016);”.

#### **Amendment of regulation 10**

3. Regulation 10 of the principal Regulations is amended —

(a) by deleting paragraph (8) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(8) Where the suspension of collection of the relevant amount of an approved OS ends under the

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terms and conditions of the OS scheme, the relevant amount may also be deducted (in whole or in part) from the medisave account of any of the following persons:

- (a) the approved OS;
  - (b) any CPF member who made the OS application, on behalf of the approved OS, pursuant to which the collection of the relevant amount was suspended.”;
- (b) by deleting paragraphs (11) and (12) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(11) Except with the Board’s approval —

- (a) a CPF member may not withdraw under paragraph (9) from paying any premium payable by the CPF member under section 4(1)(c) of the Act;
- (b) a CPF member, who has applied to the Board for an insured person’s outstanding premium to be paid by a lump sum deduction from that CPF member’s medisave account, may not withdraw under paragraph (9) from paying that outstanding premium; and
- (c) an approved OS or a CPF member, mentioned in paragraph (8), may not withdraw under paragraph (9) from paying the relevant amount mentioned in paragraph (8).

(12) The Board’s approval mentioned in paragraph (11) may be granted —

- (a) subject to such conditions as the Board may impose; and

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- (b) only if the Board is satisfied that there are exceptional reasons to allow the withdrawal from making the payment.”;
  - (c) by deleting the words “Despite paragraph (8), if the Board considers it appropriate in the circumstances of the case, the” in paragraph (13) and substituting the word “The”;
  - (d) by deleting sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (13) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:
    - “(a) deduct from the CPF member’s medisave account, under this regulation, an amount not exceeding the amount standing to the credit of the CPF member in the medisave account to pay the whole or part of the premium; and”;
  - (e) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (18), the following paragraph:
    - “(19) This regulation applies to any interest or penalty imposed under section 11(1)(a) or 17 of the Act (as the case may be) in respect of the premium for an insurance period, in the same way that this regulation applies to that premium.”.

#### **Amendment of regulation 11**

#### **4. Regulation 11 of the principal Regulations is amended —**

- (a) by deleting the word “premiums” in paragraph (2) and substituting the words “premiums, interest and penalties”;
- (b) by deleting paragraph (3) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(3) The Board may —

- (a) credit the whole or such part, as the Board may determine, of any refunded premium, interest or penalty into the medisave account of the person who paid the premium, interest or penalty (as the case

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may be), regardless of how the premium, interest or penalty was paid; and

- (b) where the refunded premium, interest or penalty mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) was paid by deduction from the same medisave account, also pay into that medisave account, the whole or such part, as the Board may determine, of the interest that would have been payable on the amount credited into that medisave account under sub-paragraph (a) if that amount had not been deducted from that medisave account.

(4) Where —

- (a) a Government grant is used (without first being credited to a person's medisave account) to pay the whole or any part of any premium, interest or penalty; and
- (b) the premium, interest or penalty is to be refunded, in whole or in part,

the Board may pay to the Government from the refund, an amount not more than the amount of the Government grant.

(5) The Board may deduct, from any premium, interest or penalty to be refunded, any payment that the insured person is liable to make under the Act.”; and

- (c) by inserting, immediately after the word “premium” in the regulation heading, the words “, interest or penalty”.

### **Amendment of First Schedule**

5. The First Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “90 years or older” under the heading “*Age of insured person on the relevant date*” and substituting the words “91 years or older”.

Made on 10 May 2018.

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