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

**CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND
(MEDISAVE ACCOUNT WITHDRAWALS)
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2011**

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.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Central Provident Fund (Medisave Account Withdrawals) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 and shall, with the exception of regulations 4(b) to (h) and 6(b), come into operation on 1st July 2011.

(2) Regulation 4(b), (c) and (d) shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1st December 2009.

(3) Regulation 4(e), (f) and (h) shall be deemed to have come into operation on 2nd June 2007.

(4) Regulation 4(g) shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1st October 2010.

(5) Regulation 6(b) shall be deemed to have come into operation on 2nd October 2010.

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 “approved clinic”, the following definition:

“ “approved clinical laboratory” means any clinical laboratory within the meaning of section 2 of the Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics Act (Cap. 248)

which is approved by the Minister for Health for the purposes of these Regulations;”;

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

“(ca) approved clinical laboratory;”;

(c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “approved palliative care provider”, the following definition:

““approved screening” means any health screening which is approved by the Minister for Health for the purposes of these Regulations;”.

Amendment of regulation 3

3. Regulation 3 of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (7), the following paragraph:

“(8) For the purposes of this regulation and regulations 4, 13, 23 and 25, unless the context otherwise requires, “medical treatment” includes approved screening.”.

Amendment of regulation 4

4. Regulation 4 of the principal Regulations is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after “14B,” in paragraph (1), “14C,”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after the word “Minister” wherever it appears in paragraph (4), the words “for Health, or such person as he may appoint,”;

(c) by inserting, immediately after the words “the whole or part of” in paragraph (4), the words “either or both of”;

(d) by inserting, immediately after the words “in the medisave account” in paragraph (4), the words “and the amount standing to the credit of any person referred to in paragraph (2)(b) in that person’s medisave account, the total withdrawal being”;

(e) by deleting the words “and in the interest of the member” in paragraph (6);

(f) by deleting the words “, psychiatric or approved” in paragraph (6);

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- (g) by inserting, immediately after the word “treatment” in paragraph (6), the words “, psychiatric treatment or approved treatment”; and
 - (h) by inserting, immediately after the words “received by the member,” in paragraph (6), the words “the member’s dependant or a person deemed under regulation 24(2) to be the member’s dependant,”.

Amendment of regulation 5

5. Regulation 5 of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (3), the following paragraph:

“(4) 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 13

6. Regulation 13 of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “and 14A” in paragraph (1) and substituting the words “, 14A and 14B”; and
- (b) by deleting paragraph (8) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(8) Notwithstanding any restrictions on the withdrawal of moneys from medisave accounts for the payment of charges incurred in respect of any treatment afforded to a member or his dependant as an out-patient prescribed in these Regulations, the Minister for Health, or such person as the Minister for Health may appoint, may, in a particular case, approve the withdrawal of the whole or part of the amount standing to the credit of the member in his medisave account for the payment of the whole or part of the charges incurred in respect of any treatment, except any treatment referred to in regulation 12 and in the Second Schedule, received on an out-patient basis at any approved medical institution by —

- (a) the member;
- (b) the member’s dependant; or
- (c) a person deemed under regulation 24(2) to be the member’s dependant.

(9) Any approval granted under paragraph (8) may be subject to such terms and conditions as the Minister for Health, or such person as he may appoint, may impose.”.

Amendment of regulation 14

7. Regulation 14(1) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “regulation 14B” in sub-paragraph (b) and substituting the words “regulation 14C”.

Amendment of regulation 14A

8. Regulation 14A(1) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “regulation 14B” and substituting the words “regulation 14C”.

Deletion and substitution of regulation 14B and new regulation 14C

9. Regulation 14B of the principal Regulations is deleted and the following regulations substituted therefor:

“Approved screening

14B.—(1) Subject to regulation 14C, where, on or after 1st July 2011, a member or his dependant has received any approved screening from an approved medical practitioner as an out-patient in an approved clinic, approved hospital or approved clinical laboratory, the amount that may be withdrawn by the member for the payment for all such screenings received in any calendar year shall not exceed the total credit balance in the member’s medisave account.

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

Additional limit on withdrawal under regulations 14, 14A and 14B

14C. The total amount which a member is entitled to withdraw under regulations 14, 14A and 14B for the payment of all approved chronic illness treatments, approved vaccinations and approved screenings received in any calendar year shall not exceed \$300.”.

Amendment of regulation 21

10. Regulation 21 of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (2), the following paragraph:

“(3) 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

11. Regulation 24(1) of the principal Regulations is amended —

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

“(j) any approved screening provided on an out-patient basis in an approved clinic, approved hospital or approved clinical laboratory,”.

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