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

**CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND
(MEDISAVE ACCOUNT WITHDRAWALS)
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2016**

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 2016 and come into operation on 1 August 2016.

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 convalescent hospital”, the following definition:

““approved day hospice” means any premises (other than a home) which are used for out-patient medical treatment and care of terminally ill patients and are approved by the Minister for Health for the purposes of these Regulations;”;

(b) by deleting the definition of “approved hospice” and substituting the following definition:

““approved home palliative care provider” means any person who provides home palliative care

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

- (c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “approved hospital”, the following definition:

““approved in-patient hospice” means any premises which are used for in-patient medical treatment and care of terminally ill patients and are approved by the Minister for Health for the purposes of these Regulations;”;

- (d) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (e) of the definition of “approved medical institution”, the following paragraph:

“(ea) approved day hospice;”;

- (e) by deleting paragraph (h) of the definition of “approved medical institution”;

- (f) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (i) of the definition of “approved medical institution”, the following paragraph:

“(ia) approved in-patient hospice;”;

- (g) by deleting the definition of “approved palliative care provider”.

Amendment of regulation 3

3. Regulation 3 of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting the word “approved palliative care provider” in paragraphs (1)(b) and (3)(a)(i)(B) and substituting in each case the words “approved home palliative care provider”; and
- (b) by deleting the word “hospice” in paragraph (3)(b)(i)(D) and (iii) and substituting in each case the words “in-patient hospice”.

Amendment of regulation 9

4. Regulation 9 of the principal Regulations is amended —
- (a) by deleting the words “approved hospice” in paragraph (1) and substituting the words “approved in-patient hospice”; and
 - (b) by deleting the words “approved hospices” in the regulation heading and substituting the words “approved in-patient hospices”.

Amendment of regulation 9A

5. Regulation 9A of the principal Regulations is amended —
- (a) by deleting paragraphs (1) and (1A) and substituting the following paragraphs:
 - “(1) Subject to regulation 4, a member may withdraw moneys from the member’s medisave account for the payment of one or both of the following received by the member, or the member’s dependant, who suffers from any terminal illness:
 - (a) medical treatment (other than any approved vaccination) received at home, on or after 1 January 2010, from an approved home palliative care provider;
 - (b) medical treatment (other than any approved vaccination) received as an out-patient, on or after 1 August 2016, in an approved day hospice.
 - (1A) Subject to paragraph (1B), the total amount that a member may withdraw under paragraph (1) —
 - (a) must not exceed \$2,500 per patient for all medical treatments mentioned in paragraph (1) that are received during the lifetime of the patient (including the attendance fees); and

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

(1B) The limit on withdrawal mentioned in paragraph (1A)(a) does not apply if the medical treatment concerned —

(a) is received by the member; and

(b) is in respect of such terminal illness as may be approved by the Minister for Health.”; and

(b) by deleting the regulation heading and substituting the following regulation heading:

“Out-patient medical treatment from approved home palliative care providers or in approved day hospices”.

Amendment of regulation 22

6. Regulation 22 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “approved hospice” in paragraphs (1)(a) and (2)(c) and substituting in each case the words “approved in-patient hospice”.

Amendment of regulation 24

7. Regulation 24 of the principal Regulations is amended —

(a) by deleting the words “approved hospice” in paragraphs (1)(a) and (1A)(a) and substituting in each case the words “approved in-patient hospice”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after sub-paragraph (h) of paragraph (1), the following sub-paragraph:

“(ha) any medical treatment (other than any approved vaccination) provided in an approved day hospice;” and

(c) by deleting the words “approved palliative care provider” in paragraph (1)(i) and substituting the words “approved home palliative care provider”.

Amendment of regulation 25

8. Regulation 25 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “approved palliative care provider” and substituting the words “approved home palliative care provider”.

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