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

#### **CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND (MEDISAVE ACCOUNT WITHDRAWALS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2006**

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) Regulations 2006 and shall come into operation on 1st February 2006.

#### **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 by deleting the definition of “cancer chemotherapy treatment”.

#### **Amendment of regulation 3**

3. Regulation 3 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(2) Where a member —

(a) has received any medical, psychiatric or approved treatment in —

- (i) any approved hospital;
- (ii) any approved community hospital;
- (iii) any approved convalescent hospital;

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- (iv) any approved hospice;
  - (v) any approved day hospital;
  - (vi) any approved day surgery centre;
  - (vii) the Singapore Gamma Knife Centre; or
  - (viii) a Senior Citizens Health Care Centre; and
- (b) is unconscious, or otherwise mentally incapacitated, and is unable to make an application under paragraph (1) himself,

the Board may, on the application by a dependant who has attained the age of 21 years and is of sound mind or a committee of the member's person or of his estate appointed under the Mental Disorders and Treatment Act (Cap. 178), authorise the whole or part of the amount standing to the member's credit in his medisave account to be withdrawn and used for the payment of the medical, psychiatric or approved treatment received by the member, subject to such terms and conditions as the Board may impose.

(3) An application by a dependant of the member or a committee under paragraph (2) shall be —

- (a) made within the period of 12 months commencing immediately after the appointed date or within such further period as may be specified by the Board in any particular case; and
  - (b) signed by the dependant or the committee in the presence of an approved medical practitioner who shall confirm in writing that the member is unable to sign the application due to his medical conditions.
- (4) In paragraphs (2) and (3), “dependant” means —
- (a) a member's spouse, parent or child who has attained the age of 21 years; or
  - (b) any other person who is related to the member and whom the Minister for Health may approve for the purposes of this regulation.”.

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**Amendment of regulation 12**

4. Regulation 12 of the principal Regulations is amended —
- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “and (6)” in paragraph (1), the words “and subject to regulation 21”;
  - (b) by inserting, immediately after the words “an approved hospital,” in paragraph (3), the words “approved centre or approved clinic,”; and
  - (c) by deleting paragraph (4) and substituting the following paragraph:
    - “(4) No withdrawal shall be permitted under these Regulations for the payment of any charges in respect of any anti-retroviral drug or any drug for the purposes of treating opportunistic infection registered in Singapore for the medical treatment of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), except where such treatment —
    - (a) is for the member himself or his child aged 18 years or below; and
    - (b) is received from an approved medical practitioner in an approved hospital.”.

**Amendment of regulation 13**

5. Regulation 13 of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (2), the following paragraph:

“(3) For the purposes of this regulation and regulation 13A, “living children” includes any living children who have been adopted by the female member or female dependant in accordance with any written law relating to the adoption of children, but excludes any living children of the female member or female dependant who have been adopted by a person other than the female member or female dependant or the spouse of the female member or female dependant, in accordance with any written law relating to the adoption of children.”.

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**Amendment of regulation 21****6. Regulation 21 of the principal Regulations is amended —**

- (a) by deleting the words “maintained by the Home Nursing Foundation; or” in paragraph (1)(c) and substituting a semi-colon;
- (b) by deleting the comma at the end of sub-paragraph (d) of paragraph (1) and substituting the word “; or”, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following sub-paragraph:
  - “(e) any approved medical treatment provided on an out-patient basis at subsidised rates;”;
- (c) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (2), the following paragraph:
  - “(3) In paragraph (1)(e), “approved medical treatment” means any of the following medical treatments:
    - (a) radiotherapy treatment from an approved medical practitioner in an approved hospital;
    - (b) treatment of neoplasms by chemotherapy from an approved medical practitioner in an approved hospital;
    - (c) blood transfusions and desferrioxamine for the medical treatment of thalassaemia from an approved medical practitioner in an approved hospital;
    - (d) intravenous antibiotic infusion from an approved medical practitioner in an approved hospital as designated by the Minister for Health;
    - (e) rental of devices for long term oxygen therapy and infant continuous positive airway pressure therapy from an approved medical practitioner in an approved hospital;

(f) immunosuppressants for organ transplant from an approved medical practitioner in an approved hospital.”.

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