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CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND ACT 1953

CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND (MEDISAVE ACCOUNT WITHDRAWALS) (AMENDMENT NO. 2) REGULATIONS 2024

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 77(1)(j) of the Central Provident Fund Act 1953, 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 No. 2) Regulations 2024 and are deemed to have come into operation on 1 April 2024.

Amendment of regulation 2

2. In the Central Provident Fund (Medisave Account Withdrawals) Regulations (Rg 17) (called in these Regulations the principal Regulations), in regulation 2(1) —

(a) after the definition of “approved medical practitioner”, insert —

““approved MIC@Home treatment provider” means any approved hospital designated by the Minister charged with the responsibility for health for the purposes of the MIC@Home programme;”;

(b) after the definition of “member”, insert —

““MIC@Home programme” means a health programme approved by the Minister charged with the responsibility for health, and known by that name or as the Mobile Inpatient Care@Home programme;

“MIC@Home treatment” means any of the following provided by an approved MIC@Home treatment provider to a patient under the MIC@Home programme:

- (a) any medical treatment at a patient’s home;
 - (b) any approved remote consultation from an approved medical practitioner in relation to any medical treatment;
 - (c) any service ancillary to the medical treatment mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b);
 - (d) any ambulance service;” and
- (c) after the definition of “psychiatric treatment”, insert —
- ““qualifying combined treatment” means one or more of the following treatments provided (whether on a single day or over a period of days) to a patient consecutively and in any order:
- (a) medical treatment as an in-patient in an approved MIC@Home treatment provider received before, on or after 1 April 2024;
 - (b) MIC@Home treatment received on or after 1 April 2024;”.

Amendment of regulation 3

3. In the principal Regulations, in regulation 3 —

- (a) in paragraph (1)(a), after “medical treatment”, insert “(except any MIC@Home treatment or qualifying combined treatment)”;
- (b) in paragraph (1)(aa)(ii), delete “or” at the end;

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- (c) in paragraph (1), after sub-paragraph (*aa*), insert —
- “(ab) any MIC@Home treatment or qualifying combined treatment; or”;
- (d) in paragraph (1), replace “or approved rehabilitation treatment” with “, approved rehabilitation treatment, MIC@Home treatment or qualifying combined treatment”;
- (e) in paragraph (3)(a), replace sub-paragraph (i) with —
- “(i) has received, or will receive as part of an approved treatment package, on such terms and conditions as the Minister charged with the responsibility for health may impose, any medical treatment, psychiatric treatment or approved rehabilitation treatment in the respective circumstances set out in paragraph (1)(a), (*aa*), (*ab*) or (*b*); and”;
- (f) in paragraph (3)(b)(i), after sub-paragraph (A), insert —
- “(AA) any approved MIC@Home treatment provider, in the case of in-patient treatment received as part of any qualifying combined treatment;”;
- (g) in paragraph (6), replace “unless”, with “except in the cases mentioned in paragraph (6A) and unless”;
- (h) after paragraph (6), insert —
- “(6A) In this regulation, “relevant date”, in relation to the following cases, means —
- (a) in a case where the member or his dependant received any MIC@Home treatment, the date on which the member or his dependant (as the case may be)

ceases to receive the MIC@Home treatment; or

(b) despite sub-paragraph (a), in a case where the member or his dependant received any qualifying combined treatment, the date on which the member or his dependant (as the case may be) ceases to receive the qualifying combined treatment.”; and

(i) after paragraph (11), insert —

“(12) For the purposes of this regulation and regulations 4, 23, 25 and 25A, unless the context otherwise requires, “medical treatment” includes MIC@Home treatment and qualifying combined treatment.”.

Amendment of regulation 4

4. In the principal Regulations, in regulation 4 —

- (a) in paragraph (1), after “12,”, insert “12A,”;
- (b) in paragraph (1), after “13A,”, insert “13B,”; and
- (c) in paragraph (3), after “9AA,” insert “12A, 13B,”.

New regulation 12A

5. In the principal Regulations, after regulation 12, insert —

“Qualifying combined treatment

12A.—(1) A member may withdraw moneys from the member’s medisave account for the payment of qualifying combined treatment received by the member or his dependant.

(2) Subject to regulation 4, the total amount that a member may withdraw under paragraph (1) for payment of each episode of qualifying combined treatment received must not exceed the lowest of the following amounts:

- (a) the aggregate amount computed in accordance with paragraph (3) for the episode of qualifying combined treatment;

- (b) the total expenditure for the episode of qualifying combined treatment;
- (c) the total credit balance in the member's medisave account.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (2)(a), the aggregate amount is —

- (a) \$550 for each of the first 2 days of the episode of qualifying combined treatment received; and
- (b) \$400 for each of the third and subsequent days of the episode of qualifying combined treatment received.

(4) This regulation does not apply if the episode of qualifying combined treatment includes any approved MIC@Home treatment that started before 1 April 2024, even if that episode of qualifying combined treatment continues on or after that date.

(5) For the purposes of this regulation, the start and end of an episode of qualifying combined treatment is determined by the approved MIC@Home treatment provider based on the advice of an approved medical practitioner of that approved MIC@Home treatment provider.

(6) To avoid doubt, regulations 5 and 13 do not apply to qualifying combined treatment.”.

New regulation 13B

6. In the principal Regulations, after regulation 13A, insert —

“MIC@Home treatment on or after 1 April 2024

13B.—(1) A member may withdraw moneys from the member's medisave account for the payment of MIC@Home treatment (except any MIC@Home treatment received as part of qualifying combined treatment) received by the member or his dependant, on or after 1 April 2024.

(2) Subject to regulation 4, the total amount that a member may withdraw under paragraph (1) for payment of each episode of MIC@Home treatment received must not exceed the lowest of the following amounts:

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- (a) the aggregate amount computed in accordance with paragraph (3) for the episode of MIC@Home treatment;
 - (b) the total expenditure for the MIC@Home treatment;
 - (c) the total credit balance in the member’s medisave account.
- (3) For the purposes of paragraph (2)(a), the aggregate amount is —
- (a) \$550 for each of the first 2 days of the episode of MIC@Home treatment received; and
 - (b) \$400 for each of the third and subsequent days of the episode of MIC@Home treatment received.
- (4) This regulation does not apply if the episode of MIC@Home treatment started before 1 April 2024, even if that MIC@Home treatment continues on or after that date.
- (5) For the purposes of this regulation, the start and end of an episode of MIC@Home treatment is determined by the approved MIC@Home treatment provider based on the advice of an approved medical practitioner of that approved MIC@Home treatment provider.
- (6) To avoid doubt, regulation 13 does not apply to MIC@Home treatment.”.

Amendment of regulation 24

7. In the principal Regulations, in regulation 24(1) —
- (a) in sub-paragraph (k), delete “or” at the end;
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (l), replace the comma at the end with “; or”; and
 - (c) after sub-paragraph (l), insert —
 - “(m) any MIC@Home treatment or qualifying combined treatment provided,”.

Amendment of regulation 26

8. In the principal Regulations, in regulation 26 —

- (a) in paragraph (a), delete “or” at the end;
- (b) in paragraph (b), replace the comma at the end with “; or”;
- (c) after paragraph (b), insert —
 - “(c) during any episode of MIC@Home treatment or qualifying combined treatment,”; and
- (d) after “approved out-patient treatment”, insert “, or the episode of MIC@Home treatment or qualifying combined treatment (as the case may be),”.

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