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HEALTHCARE SERVICES ACT 2020

HEALTHCARE SERVICES ACT 2020 (AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULES) (NO. 2) ORDER 2023

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 56 of the Healthcare Services Act 2020, the Minister for Health makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order is the Healthcare Services Act 2020 (Amendment of Schedules) (No. 2) Order 2023 and comes into operation on 18 December 2023.

Amendment of First Schedule

2. In the Healthcare Services Act 2020, in the First Schedule —

- (a) in paragraph 1(*p*), replace the full-stop at the end with a semi-colon;
- (b) in paragraph 1, after sub-paragraph (*p*), insert —
“(q) a nursing home service.”;
- (c) in paragraph 2, in the definition of “assisted reproduction service”, before paragraph (*a*), insert —
“(aa) the stimulation of the ovaries of a woman.”;
- (d) in paragraph 2, in the definition of “assisted reproduction service”, in paragraph (*e*), after “in paragraph”, insert “(aa),”;
- (e) in paragraph 2, in the definition of “clinical laboratory service”, in paragraph (*g*), after sub-paragraph (xiii), insert —
“(xiv) a nursing home service.”;

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- (f) in paragraph 2, in the definition of “clinical laboratory service”, delete paragraph (i);
- (g) in paragraph 2, after the definition of “nuclear medicine service”, insert —

““nursing home service” means —

- (a) any of the following healthcare services that is provided to an inpatient who is an elderly or a disabled person, or is labouring under a life-limiting condition or illness, and requires continuous nursing care but does not require continuous onsite supervision by a medical practitioner:

- (i) the examination of the inpatient’s body or mind;
- (ii) the assessment of the inpatient’s health;
- (iii) the observation and diagnosis of, and intervention in, the inpatient’s health condition;
- (iv) the treatment of the inpatient for any condition, disability, disease, disorder or injury;
- (v) the provision of medical care to the inpatient while the inpatient is being accommodated to receive that care;
- (vi) the rehabilitation of an inpatient for the purpose of slowing down the disabling effects of the inpatient’s health condition and functional abilities;
- (vii) the provision of palliative care to an inpatient; and

- (b) any other healthcare service that is incidental to the provision of a healthcare service mentioned in paragraph (a)(i) to (v), including —

- (i) the conduct of any simple in vitro diagnostic test on the inpatient; and

- (ii) the conduct of any ultrasound imaging on the inpatient,

but excludes the following:

- (c) the provision of any dental care, treatment or procedure to an inpatient, other than assisting the inpatient in cleaning his or her teeth or mouth to ensure the oral hygiene of the inpatient;
 - (d) any specialised treatment given to an inpatient who is acutely unwell and requires critical medical care;
 - (e) the conduct of any surgical procedure, other than a minor surgical procedure;
 - (f) the provision of any treatment or conduct of any procedure on an inpatient that requires the inpatient to be in a state of general anaesthesia;
 - (g) the administration of any anaesthetic to cause general anaesthesia in an inpatient;”;
- (h) in paragraph 2, in the definition of “radiological service”, in paragraph (h), after sub-paragraph (ix), insert —
- “(x) a nursing home service;”;
- (i) in paragraph 2, in the definition of “radiological service”, delete paragraph (j); and
- (j) in paragraph 2, in the definition of “specified person”, delete paragraph (d).

Amendment of Second Schedule

3. In the Healthcare Services Act 2020, in the Second Schedule, after the item relating to 26 June 2023, insert —

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18 December 2023	Nursing home service
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Made on 8 December 2023.

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Ministry of Health,
Singapore.*

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(To be presented to Parliament under section 56(5) of the Healthcare Services Act 2020).