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HEALTHCARE SERVICES ACT 2020

HEALTHCARE SERVICES (EXEMPTION) (AMENDMENT NO. 2) ORDER 2023

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 53 of the Healthcare Services Act 2020, the Minister for Health makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

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

Amendment of paragraph 2

2. In the Healthcare Services (Exemption) Order 2021 (G.N. No. S 1042/2021) (called in this Order the principal Order), in paragraph 2 —

- (a) in the definition of “business name”, replace the full-stop at the end with a semi-colon; and
- (b) after the definition of “business name”, insert —

““registered nurse” means a person who is a registered nurse within the meaning of the Nurses and Midwives Act 1999 and holds a valid practising certificate under that Act.”.

Amendment of paragraph 3

3. In the principal Order, in paragraph 3 —

- (a) in sub-paragraphs (1)(b), (3)(b) and (5)(b), replace “Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics Act 1980” with “repealed Act”;

(b) in sub-paragraph (5), replace “a licensee (C)” with “a person (C) who holds a licence to provide a cord blood banking service”; and

(c) after sub-paragraph (5), insert —

“(5A) Section 24(2) of the Act and regulation 7(1)(b) of the Healthcare Services (Nursing Home Service) Regulations 2023 (G.N. No. S 849/2023) do not apply to a person (D) who holds a licence to provide a nursing home service in respect of D’s appointment of an individual as a Clinical Governance Officer, if all of the following are satisfied:

(a) D had, immediately before 18 December 2023, held a valid licence under the repealed Act in relation to the use of any premises as a nursing home;

(b) the premises mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) are, from and including that date, D’s approved permanent premises for the provision of the nursing home service;

(c) the individual is a registered nurse who —

(i) is not subject to any condition imposed on his or her registration by the Singapore Nursing Board under section 17(2) of the Nurses and Midwives Act 1999; and

(ii) immediately before 18 December 2023, had performed all the functions of a Clinical Governance Officer in respect of the nursing home at the premises mentioned in sub-paragraph (a).”.

Amendment of paragraph 4

4. In the principal Order, in paragraph 4 —
 - (a) in the paragraph heading, replace “**Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics Act 1980**” with “**repealed Act**”; and
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (2), replace “Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics Act 1980” with “repealed Act”.

Deletion of paragraph 11

5. In the principal Order, delete paragraph 11.

New paragraphs 22, 23 and 24

6. In the principal Order, after paragraph 21, insert —

“Exemption in relation to provision of contingency care service by nursing home service licensee

22. Section 8 of the Act does not apply in relation to the provision of a contingency care service by a person who holds a valid licence to provide a nursing home service and treats, as part of the provision of the nursing home service, an inpatient for an infectious disease specified in the First Schedule to the Infectious Diseases Act 1976.

Exemption relating to head of nursing for nursing home service

23. Regulation 8(1) of the Healthcare Services (Nursing Home Service) Regulations 2023 does not apply to a person (*X*) who holds a licence to provide a nursing home service in respect of *X*'s appointment of an individual as the head of nursing for any approved permanent premises of *X* during the period from 18 December 2023 to 17 December 2028 (both dates inclusive), if all of the following are satisfied:

- (a) *X* had, immediately before 18 December 2023, held a valid licence under the repealed Act in relation to the use of any premises as a nursing home;
- (b) the premises mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) are, from and including that date, *X*'s approved permanent

premises for the provision of the nursing home service;

- (c) the individual is a registered nurse who had, immediately before that date, performed all the functions mentioned in regulation 8(2)(a) to (e) of the Healthcare Services (Nursing Home Service) Regulations 2023 in respect of the nursing home at the premises mentioned in sub-paragraph (a).

Exemption in relation to provision of nursing home service by specified persons

24. Section 8 of the Act does not apply in relation to the provision of a nursing home service by any of the following persons:

- (a) a person who holds a valid licence under the Children and Young Persons Act 1993, where that service is provided at the premises of the home for children and young persons to which that licence relates;
- (b) a person who holds a valid licence under the Homes for the Aged Act 1988, where that service is provided at the premises of the home for the aged to which that licence relates;
- (c) a person who operates a home or hostel specified in the Third Schedule, where that service is provided at the premises of the home or hostel.”.

New Third Schedule

7. In the principal Order, after the Second Schedule, insert —

“THIRD SCHEDULE

Paragraph 24(c)

HOMES AND HOSTELS WHOSE OPERATORS ARE EXEMPTED FROM REQUIREMENT TO HOLD NURSING HOME SERVICE LICENCE

1. Acacia Home, 30 Admiralty Street, Singapore 757441

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2. Angsana Home at Pelangi Village, 14 Buangkok Green, Singapore 539755
 3. AWWA Home, 5 Pasir Ris Street 22, Singapore 518064
 4. Banyan Home at Pelangi Village, 12 Buangkok Green, Singapore 539754
 5. Bishan Home for the Intellectually Disabled Residential Home, 6 Bishan Street 13, Singapore 579798
 6. Blue Cross Thong Kheng Home, 201 Jurong East Avenue 1, Singapore 609791
 7. Bukit Batok Home for the Aged, 11 Bukit Batok West Avenue 2, Singapore 659205
 8. Jamiyah Home for the Aged, 1 Tampines Avenue 3, Singapore 529707
 9. Jenaris Home at Pelangi Village, 10 Buangkok Green, Singapore 539753
 10. Meranti Home at Pelangi Village, 6 Buangkok Green, Singapore 539751
 11. Metta Home, 2 Woodlands Street 31, Singapore 738580
 12. MINDSVille @ Napiri — Home, 7 Lorong Napiri, Singapore 547533
 13. MINDSVille @ Napiri — Hostel, 7 Lorong Napiri, Singapore 547533
 14. Moral Welfare Home, 301 Henderson Road, Singapore 108931
 15. MWS Christalite Methodist Home, 51 Marsiling Drive, Singapore 739297
 16. Red Cross Home for the Disabled, 8 Lengkok Bahru, #04-01 Family Link @ Lengkok Bahru, Singapore 159052
 17. Singapore Cheshire Home Residential Care, 159 Serangoon Way, Singapore 556056
 18. St. Andrew's Adult Home (Sengkang), 147 Compassvale Bow, Singapore 544691
 19. Tembusu Home at Pelangi Village, 2 Buangkok Green, Singapore 539749
 20. THK Home for Disabled Adults @ Chai Chee, 2 Chai Chee Lane, Singapore 469030
 21. THK Home for Disabled Adults @ Eunos, 20 Jalan Eunos, Singapore 419494
 22. THK Hostel for Disabled @ Eunos, 20 Jalan Eunos, Singapore 419494

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23. Thuja Home at Pelangi Village, 4 Buangkok Green, Singapore 539750
 24. Thye Hua Kwan Home for Disabled @ Sembawang, 7 Sembawang Walk, Singapore 756977
 25. Touch Ubi Hostel, Block 301 Ubi Avenue 1, #01-295, Singapore 400301”.

Miscellaneous amendments

8. In the principal Order, in the First and Second Schedules, in the Schedule reference, replace “Regulation” with “Paragraph”.

[G.N. No. S 422/2023]

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