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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;

- (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Act (Cap. 178), authorise the whole or part of the amount standing to the member's credit in his medisave account to be withdrawn and used for the payment of the medical, psychiatric or approved treatment received by the member, subject to such terms and conditions as the Board may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.".