

Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics (MedAlert System) Regulations 2008

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PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS ACT (CHAPTER 248)

PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS (MEDALERT SYSTEM) REGULATIONS 2008

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 22 of the Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics Act, the Minister for Health hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics (MedAlert System) Regulations 2008 and shall come into operation on 1st January 2009.

Definitions

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

“business day”, in relation to any licensed premises or conveyance, means a day on which the licensed premises or conveyance is open for business, regardless of the period that the licensed premises or conveyance is open for business;

“facsimile number” means a Singapore telephone number to which a facsimile transmission may be sent;

“healthcare worker”, in relation to any licensed premises or conveyance, means a person who carries out any work which involves handling or dealing with —

(a) any patient of the licensed premises or conveyance; or

(b) any biological sample taken from such a patient;

“licensed premises or conveyance”, in relation to a licensee, means the private hospital, medical clinic, clinical laboratory or healthcare establishment for which the licensee holds a licence;

“licensee” means the holder of a licence;

“MedAlert” means the information which is sent to licensees or any class of licensees through the MedAlert System in relation to any medical or healthcare matter that is, in the opinion of the Director, important and time-sensitive;

“MedAlert System” means the system maintained and operated by the Government for the purpose of sending information to licensees or any class of licensees in relation to any medical or healthcare matter that is, in the opinion of the Director, important and time-sensitive;

“mobile telephone number” means a Singapore mobile telephone number issued by a telecommunication licensee under the Telecommunications Act (Cap. 323);

“patient”, in relation to any licensed premises or conveyance, means a person receiving any treatment or care thereat;

“responsible person” means a person designated by a licensee to receive information through the MedAlert System on behalf of the licensee.

Compulsory subscription to MedAlert System

3.—(1) Every licensee shall subscribe to the MedAlert System.

(2) An application for subscription to the MedAlert System shall be made by a licensee in such form and manner as the Director may determine.

(3) A licensee shall, when making the application under paragraph (2), provide the Director with —