

**Medical and Elderly Care Endowment Schemes Act 2000  
(No. 13 of 2000)**

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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 22nd February 2000 and assented to by the President on 7th March 2000:—

**MEDICAL AND ELDERLY CARE ENDOWMENT SCHEMES ACT 2000**

**(No. 13 of 2000)**

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I assent.

**S R NATHAN,**  
*President.*  
*7th March 2000.*

## **Date of Commencement: 27th March 2000**

An Act to reconstitute the Medical Endowment Fund and to establish the ElderCare Fund for the purpose of endowment schemes providing financial assistance in connection with medical and health care in Singapore and for matters connected therewith, and to repeal the Medical Endowment Scheme Act (Chapter 173A of the 1994 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

### **PART I**

#### **PRELIMINARY**

##### **Short title and commencement**

1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Medical and Elderly Care Endowment Schemes Act 2000 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

(2) The Minister may appoint different dates for the coming into operation of the different provisions of this Act.

##### **Interpretation**

2.—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“approved institution” means any hospital or other health care institution approved by the Minister under section 8;

“approved provider” means an organisation providing step-down care in respect of which an approval under section 23(5)(a) is in force;

“approved services” means step-down care provided by an approved provider in respect of which an approval under section 23(5)(a) is in force;

“authorised officer” means any officer authorised by the Minister in writing to exercise such power or perform such function or duty under this Act or any regulations made thereunder as the Minister may specify therein;

“Council” means the Advisory Council established under section 6;

“ElderCare Fund” means the ElderCare Fund established under section 18(1);

“eligible patient” means a person who is eligible to make an application under section 15;

“Medifund” means the Medical Endowment Fund established under the repealed