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CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND ACT (CHAPTER 36)

CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND (MEDISAVE ACCOUNT WITHDRAWALS) (AMENDMENT NO. 3) REGULATIONS 2020

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 77(1)(j) and (ja) of the Central Provident Fund Act, the Minister for Manpower, after consulting with the Central Provident Fund Board, makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the Central Provident Fund (Medisave Account Withdrawals) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2020 and come into operation on 1 October 2020.

New Part 1 heading

2. The Central Provident Fund (Medisave Account Withdrawals) Regulations (Rg 17) (called in these Regulations the principal Regulations) are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 1, the following Part heading:

"PART 1

WITHDRAWAL FROM MEDISAVE ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT OF MEDICAL TREATMENT, ETC.".

Amendment of regulation 2

3. Regulation 2 of the principal Regulations is amended —

(a) by deleting the words "In these Regulations" in paragraph (1) and substituting the words "In this Part";

- (b) by deleting the words "these Regulations" in paragraphs (2) and (3) and substituting in each case the words "this Part"; and
- (c) by inserting, immediately after the word "Definitions" in the regulation heading, the words "for this Part".

Amendment of regulation 3

- 4. Regulation 3 of the principal Regulations is amended
 - (a) by deleting the words "these Regulations" in paragraphs (1), (1A)(b), (3)(c) and (4) and substituting in each case the words "this Part"; and
 - (b) by inserting, immediately after the word "withdrawal" in the regulation heading, the words "for payment of medical treatment, etc.".

Amendment of regulation 4

- 5. Regulation 4 of the principal Regulations is amended
 - (a) by deleting the words "these Regulations" in paragraphs (4) and (6) and substituting in each case the words "this Part"; and
 - (b) by inserting, immediately after the word "withdrawal" in the regulation heading, the words "for payment of medical treatment, etc.".

New Part 2

6. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 26, the following Part:

"PART 2

WITHDRAWAL FROM MEDISAVE ACCOUNT FOR LONG-TERM CARE SCHEME

Definitions for this Part

27. In this Part —

- "approved payee" has the meaning given by section 16B(14) or 16C(13) of the Act (whichever is applicable);
- "approved person" has the meaning given by section 16C(13) of the Act;
- "dependant", in relation to a member, means any of the following:
 - (*a*) an individual whom the certifying body is satisfied is the member's spouse;
 - (b) any other individual who is related to the member in any other manner as the Minister charged with the responsibility for health may determine;
- "long-term care recipient" means a member, or a member's dependant, for whom a withdrawal is made under section 16B(1) of the Act;
- "member" includes a member who is an undischarged bankrupt;
- "monthly sum" has the meaning given by regulation 32(1);
- "severely disabled" has the meaning given by the Fourth Schedule.

Prescribed person to determine circumstances for withdrawal

28. For the purposes of section 16B(1) of the Act, the Minister charged with the responsibility for health is the prescribed person who is to make a determination of the circumstances in which any amount standing to the credit of a member in the

member's medisave account is permitted to be withdrawn under that provision.

Prescribed amount for purposes of section 16B(1)(*a*) of Act

29. For the purposes of section 16B(1)(a) of the Act, the prescribed amount is \$5,000.

Conditions for long-term care

30. For the purposes of section 16B(2)(a)(i) and (b)(i) of the Act, the prescribed condition is that the member or member's dependent (as the case may be) is severely disabled.

Prescribed age for purposes of section 16B(2)(a)(ii) and (b)(ii) of Act

31. For the purposes of section 16B(2)(a)(ii) and (b)(ii) of the Act, the prescribed age is 30 years.

Limits on withdrawal for long-term care

32.—(1) The amount that the Board may permit to be withdrawn under section 16B(1) of the Act from the sum standing to a member's credit in the member's medisave account in any month for a long-term care recipient (called in these Regulations the monthly sum) must not exceed the lowest of the following:

- (a) the maximum monthly sum as specified in the second column of the Fifth Schedule, opposite the sum standing to the member's credit in the member's medisave account at the time of determining the monthly sum as specified in the first column;
- (b) the maximum amount that may be withdrawn from a member's medisave account as specified by the member or by an approved person acting on behalf of the member (whichever is applicable) for that month;