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All Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics Act (PHMCA)-licensed Institutions
Private Ambulance Operators

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PHASE 1 REGULATIONS UNDER THE HEALTHCARE SERVICES ACT (HCSA)

This circular informs all Licensees under the Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics Act (PHMCA) and Private Ambulance Operators on the implementation of the Phase 1 HCSA Regulations.

2. The HCSA was enacted in January 2020 to replace the current PHMCA with a more flexible and modular services-based licensing regime, and to enhance patient welfare, safety, and continuity of care. The HCSA will be implemented for Licensees in three phases, outlined in **Annex A**. In the interim, existing PHMCA Licensees not rolled over into HCSA will continue to be subject to the prevailing Regulations and requirements under the PHMCA.

3. The Regulations to be implemented under Phase 1 of HCSA, which will take effect from **3 January 2022**, are as follows:

a) Applicable to all HCSA Phase 1 Licensees

- I. General Regulations;
- II. Fees Regulations;
- III. Advertisement Regulations;

b) Applicable to Licensees providing the following licensable healthcare services under the HCSA

- I. Emergency Ambulance and Medical Transport Service Regulations;
- II. Clinical Laboratory and Radiological Service Regulations;
- III. Nuclear Medicine Imaging and Assay Service Regulations;
- IV. Blood Banking Service Regulations; and
- V. Cord Blood Banking Service Regulations.

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4. All HCSA Licensees will then be subject to the General Regulations, the Fees Regulations, the Advertisement Regulations, Code of Practice for Key Officeholders, and the relevant service Regulation(s) for the licensable healthcare service(s) they provide. A copy of the Regulations and the Code of Practice can be found at www.HCSA.sg from 3 January 2022.

5. Please refer to www.HCSA.sg for the latest information on the transition from PHMCA to HCSA, the various HCSA regulations, and other latest updates and resources. Should you require further clarification, please email us at HCSA_enquiries@moh.gov.sg.

Thank you.



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Annex

Annex A	Phased Implementation of HCSA
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Annex A

Phase 1 January 2022	Phase 2 End 2022	Phase 3 End 2023
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General Regulations 2. Advertisement Regulations 3. Fees Regulations 4. Clinical Laboratory Service 5. Radiological Service 6. Blood Banking Service 7. Cord Blood Banking Service 8. Nuclear Medicine Imaging Service 9. Nuclear Medicine Assay Service 10. Emergency Ambulance Service 11. Medical Transport Service 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. Acute Hospital Service 13. Community Hospital Service 14. Medical Clinic Service 15. Dental Clinic Service 16. Ambulatory Surgical Centre Service 17. Renal Dialysis Centre Service 18. Assisted Reproduction Service 19. Blood Transfusion Service 20. Nuclear Medicine Therapy Service 21. Reproductive Cells and Embryo Banking Service 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 22. Telemedicine Service 23. Health Screening Service 24. Nursing Home Service 25. Inpatient Palliative Care Service 26. Cell, Tissue and Gene Therapy Service 27. Clinical Genetic and Genomic Service 28. Organ Transplant Service 29. Specialised Interventional Procedures Service 30. Radiation Oncology and Radiation Therapy Services 31. Human Tissue Banking Service