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

PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS (AMENDMENT NO. 3) REGULATIONS 2021

The Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics (PHMC) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2021 will come into operation on **3 January 2022**. The amendments have been made in line with the Phase 1 implementation of the Healthcare Services Act (HCSA).

2. The PHMC Amendment Regulations spells out the amendments that have been made to the PHMCR, with the key changes summarised as follows:

- (a) Deletion of the term 'clinical laboratory': The term is deleted in the provisions where the term was used, as the premises previously licensed as clinical laboratories under PHMCA will be licensed under the respective services under HCSA¹. Where applicable, the term has been substituted to reference the relevant service(s) under HCSA;
- (b) Deletion of Part IV and reorganisation of its provisions: This relates to the requirements that were previously applicable to the premises licensed as clinical laboratories which have been ported over to the respective service Regulations under HCSA. However, as medical clinics providing laboratory services or radiology services have to continue to comply with the requirements in Part IV in Regulation 42(3)(b)², Part IV, which will continue to apply to these medical clinics, has been reorganised as "new" regulations 47-51;

¹ The services include clinical laboratory service, radiological service, nuclear medicine imaging service, nuclear medicine assay service, blood banking service and cord blood banking service.

² Regulation 42(3)(b): Where a medical clinic provides a laboratory service or a radiology service, the licensee of the medical clinic shall ensure that the laboratory service or radiology service so provided complies with regulations 50 to 55.



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(c) Removal of the Fifth Schedule: The Fifth Schedule relates to the specialised test or service which a clinical laboratory has to seek approval for prior to commencement. This is now addressed under the Clinical Laboratory Service Regulations under HCSA.

3. Please contact MOH by email at elis@moh.gov.sg if you require any further information or clarification.



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