

HOSPITALS AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES (GENERAL) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2023

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1. Citation and commencement.

- (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Hospitals and Health Care Facilities (General)(Amendment) Regulations, 2023.
- (2) These Regulations shall come into operation on such date to be appointed by the Minister by notice published in the *Gazette*.

2. Amendment of regulation 2 of the principal regulations.

Regulation 2 of the principal regulations is amended in paragraph (1), by the insertion in the appropriate alphabetical order of the following —

“**cannabis therapeutic facility**” means a facility for the administration of treatment of persons suffering from qualified medical conditions with medical cannabis;

“**medical cannabis**” has the meaning assigned to it in section 2 of the Cannabis Act, 2023;

“**qualified medical condition**” has the meaning assigned to it in section 2 of the Cannabis Act, 2023;”.

3. Amendment to regulation 3 of the principal regulations.

Regulation 3 of the principal regulations is amended —

- (a) in paragraph (n), by the deletion of the word “and” appearing immediately after the semi colon;
- (b) in paragraph (o), by the deletion of the full stop and substitution therefor of “; and”; and
- (c) by the insertion immediately after paragraph (o) of the following new paragraph —
“(p) cannabis therapeutic facility.”.

4. Insertion of new Part XIII A into the principal Regulations.

The principal Regulations are amended by the insertion immediately after regulation 58 of the following new Part —

“PART XIII A - THERAPEUTIC FACILITY

58A. Cannabis therapeutic facility.

Every licensee of a health care facility that is licensed as a cannabis therapeutic facility shall —

- (a) be in possession of a retail licence granted under the Cannabis Act, 2023; and
- (b) ensure that the requirements of this Part are met.

58B. Staff.

- (1) Every facility licensed as a cannabis therapeutic facility shall engage a medical practitioner who has completed an approved training program in accordance with section 36(2) of the Cannabis Act, 2023.
- (2) The staff to patient ratio at the cannabis therapeutic facility shall be a minimum of one health professional for every five patients.

58C. Policies and guidelines.

Every cannabis therapeutic facility clinic —

- (a) shall have written policies and guidelines for equipment utilization that provide for maintenance and repair at such intervals as to ensure safe operation and use of the equipment at the facility; and
- (b) shall have a written program with respect to quality management covering all treatment modalities offered at the facility.

58D. Equipment and facilities.

Every cannabis therapeutic facility shall be equipped with —

- (a) a fully functioning resuscitation area;
- (b) an easily accessible health professional station;
- (c) such other equipment as may be required by the Board.”.

Made this day of , 2023

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR HEALTH