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Licensees of Nursing Home Service ("NHS Licensees")

NOTICE OF PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO LICENCE CONDITIONS FOR NHS LICENSEES IMPOSED UNDER THE HEALTHCARE SERVICES ACT 2020 ("HCSA")

The Director-General of Health intends to modify the conditions of your licence granted under the HCSA ("**Licence**") by imposing the following appended conditions for your Licence ("**Licence Conditions**"). Please refer to <u>Annex A</u> for the Licence Conditions applicable to the nursing home service ("**NHS Service**") you are providing.

2 The proposed modification is intended to reflect the implementation of the International Dysphagia Diet Standardisation Initiative (IDDSI) framework and the provision of meals by NHS Licensees as part of the EatSafe SG initiative. The amendments are indicated by blue text within the Licence Conditions for your ease of reference.

3 The Licence Conditions will apply to all persons which have been licensed under the HCSA to provide a NHS Service, and are intended to provide further clarity on the requirements to ensure the safe and effective provision of a NHS Service, including any specified services provided as part of the Service. All other conditions of your Licence that have been imposed before the date of this notification shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect (unless superseded), and these Licence Conditions shall be read and construed with the requirements stipulated in the HCSA and its Regulations [including but not limited to the Healthcare Services (General) Regulations 2021, the Healthcare Services (Advertisement) Regulations 2021] and the relevant Service Regulation(s).



Ministry of Health, Singapore College of Medicine Building 16 College Road Singapore 169854 TEL (65) 6325 9220 FAX (65) 6224 1677 WEB www.moh.gov.sg 4 A breach of the Licence Conditions may result in regulatory actions being taken against licensees under section 20 of the HCSA, including but not limited to —

- (a) suspension or revocation of the licensee's Licence;
- (b) shortening the term of the licensee's Licence;
- (c) a direction requiring the licensee to rectify the contravention, or prevent a recurrence of the contravention; and/or
- (d) a direction requiring the licensee to pay a financial penalty.

5 Pursuant to Section 14(2) of the HCSA, you may submit written representations to the Director-General of Health with respect to the proposed Licence Conditions described above within 14 days (excluding the date of this notification) of this notification at <u>HCSA Enquiries@moh.gov.sg</u>. Please note that any correspondence from you requiring further information or clarification does not constitute a written representation.

6 Should you require any further information or clarification, please email us at <u>HCSA_Enquiries@moh.gov.sg</u>.

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ANNEX A: LIST OF LICENCE CONDITIONS APPLICABLE FOR NHS LICENSEES

Appendix	Applicable Licence Condition
A.1	LICENCE CONDITIONS FOR NURSING HOME SERVICE LICENSEES