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Clerk to Bills Committee on Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes
(Amendment) Bill 2014
Legislative Council Complex
Tamar, Hong Kong.
Attention: Ms. May Leung

Dear Sir/Madam,

Bills Committee on Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (Amendment) Bill 2014

Thank you for your letter dated 28 July 2014 inviting Hong Kong Doctors Union (HKDU) to give views on the captioned.

After careful deliberation within the HKDU Council, we have come to the following decision.

HKDU considers the rationale of allowing greater flexibility in granting withdrawal as appropriate and therefore supports the relaxing of the life expectancy from 12 months to 36 months, or even longer if the condition warrants it.

We do hope the authority understands the doctor's difficulties in trying to commit himself to the likely survival period of the patients with terminal illnesses. We hope that the doctor's liability from the advice to allow MPF withdrawal be minimal and reasonable, knowing that he is doing that out of good heart.

We attach once more the list of "terminal illnesses" commonly encountered for reference, knowing that the list is not exhaustive.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours Sincerely,



Dr. Ho Ock Ling
Hon. Secretary
Hong Kong Doctors Union
Encl.

The Proposed list of “critical illnesses” for MPF benefits early withdrawal

1. Acquired Immuno-Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)
2. Alzheimer’s Disease
3. Cancer or Malignant Tumour
4. Fulminant Viral Hepatitis
5. Motor Neurone Disease
6. Muscular Dystrophy
7. Stroke
8. Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) with Lupus Nephritis