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To: All Approved Persons
of Baby Bonus Approved Institutions

Dear Sir/Madam

VERIFICATION OF SIBLING RELATIONSHIP FOR CDA USAGE

With immediate effect, Approved Institutions (AI) are no longer required to verify the sibling relationship for Child Development Account (CDA) usage where the expenses involved are one-off and below the value of \$500. The verification of the sibling relationship will henceforth be required only for recurrent expenses (e.g. monthly school fees), as well as one-off costs above \$500.

2. Currently, under the Terms and Conditions (para 5.6), AIs other than those in the pharmacy category are required to verify the sibling relationship whenever CDA is used for the child's sibling. This process involves the sighting of both children's birth certificates to ascertain their relationship.
3. Arising from the feedback that this verification process may pose challenges in some circumstances (e.g. A&E outpatient treatment, small value purchases), the Ministry has reviewed and decided to remove this requirement for one off items which cost below \$500. We hope that such a move will facilitate the CDA usage by parents and also improve the operational efficiency for the AIs.
4. Please log on to www.babybonus.gov.sg for the amended Terms and Conditions and Frequently Asked Questions. You may also contact the Baby Bonus hotline at 1800-253 7707 if you have any queries on this.

Yours faithfully

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