

FORM B

**DENTAL REGISTRATION ACT
(CHAPTER 76)**

DENTAL REGISTRATION REGULATIONS

NOTICE OF INQUIRY BY DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

24 JUNE 2014

Dr X

Practising as [redacted]

Notice is hereby given to you that in consequence of a complaint made against you to the Singapore Dental Council, an inquiry is to be held by the Disciplinary Committee into the following charges against you:

- (1) That you, Dr X, a registered dentist (DCR Number [redacted]) practising under the name of “Y”, did on 4 June 2007 sometime between 10.32 a.m. and 12.00 noon, falsely represent to AA at your clinic located at [redacted], that the cost of the dental implant procedure of S\$3,500.00 is fully claimable from his Medisave Account with the Central Provident Fund Board where this representation is not true, and that this misrepresentation was made fraudulently and/or dishonestly, and that in relation to the facts alleged, you are guilty of professional misconduct within the meaning of Section 40(1)(d) of the Dental Registration Act (Cap. 76, 2009 Rev. Ed.).

- (2) That you, Dr X, a registered dentist (DCR Number [redacted]) practising under the name of “Y”, did between 2 September 2011 and 22 November 2011, withhold medical information from AA as requested by him, in breach

of 4.2.5.3 of the Singapore Dental Council's Ethical Code and Guidelines ("the ECG").

Particulars

- (a) Clause 4.2.5.3 of the ECG provides, amongst other things, that where a dentist-patient relationship is terminated by the patient, a dentist should not withhold medical information from the patient or another dentist/doctor to whom the patient subsequently goes to, if requested by the patient.
- (b) Two claims of S\$1,850.00 each were made by you from AA's Medisave account with the Central Provident Fund Board on 25 June 2007 and 20 August 2007.
- (c) According to the treatment notes prepared by you, AA last visited you at your clinic at [redacted] on 7 December 2009.
- (d) As the amount of \$3,700.00 claimed from AA's Medisave account exceeded your quote of \$3,500.00 for the dental implant procedure, AA wanted to know the breakdown of the said sum of \$3,700.00. On two occasions prior to 2 September 2011, AA requested for a breakdown from your clinic manager, one Mdm B. His requests were turned down.
- (e) Between 2 September 2011 and 6 November 2011, AA made several requests for a breakdown of the claims of \$3,700.00 directly from you. You failed to provide him with the breakdown of the claims.

and that in relation to the facts alleged, you are guilty of professional misconduct within the meaning of Section 40(1)(d) of the Dental Registration Act (Cap. 76, 2009 Rev. Ed.).

Notice is further given to you that on [redacted] a meeting of the Disciplinary Committee will be held at [redacted] to consider the abovementioned charge against you.

You are hereby invited to answer in writing the abovementioned charge and also to appear before the Disciplinary Committee at the place and time specified above, for the purpose of answering it. You may appear in person or by counsel. The Disciplinary Committee has power, if you do not appear, to hear and decide upon the said charge in your absence. The Disciplinary Committee also has powers to proceed with and complete the inquiry in any manner which it thinks fit if a warning against hampering the progress of an inquiry is disregarded, and to order costs to be paid by you under section 40 of the Dental Registration Act.

If you intend to raise any defence at the inquiry, you or your counsel shall, at least 10 days before the date fixed for the commencement of the inquiry, send to the Council's solicitor –

- (a) concise statements of the grounds of your defence; and
- (b) any report or other documents in support of those grounds.

You are also requested to co-operate with the Council's solicitor to prepare an agreed statement of facts, an agreed bundle of documents or exhibits to be used at the inquiry and list of witnesses to be called at the inquiry.

If you desire to make any application that the inquiry should be postponed, you should send a written application to the Council through the executive secretary of the Council at least 21 days before the date fixed for commencement of the inquiry, stating good reasons for such postponement.

Yours faithfully,

Registrar for Singapore Dental Council