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DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE INQUIRY FOR DR ANG KIAM HAU STEVEN

1. The Singapore Dental Council ("**SDC**") held a disciplinary inquiry on 4 April 2018 against Dr Ang Kiam Hau Steven ("**Dr Ang**"), a dentist who was practising under the name of "The Smile Division Dental Surgeons @ Orchard Pte Ltd".
2. Dr Ang faced 4 charges of professional misconduct under the Dental Registration Act (Cap. 76) for submitting false Letters of Certification which resulted in withdrawals of an aggregate sum of \$22,100 from a Medisave Account, in breach of Section 18 of the Manual on Medisave Scheme for All Approved Medical Institutions Making Medisave Claims issued by the Ministry of Health ("**MOH**").
3. Dr Ang pleaded guilty to all 4 charges.
4. The Disciplinary Committee ("**DC**") noted that the Medisave Scheme relies on the honesty and integrity of approved medical practitioners to make accurate and genuine claims for withdrawals of patients' CPF monies for the purpose of treatment, and in this regard, dentists are "gatekeepers" in the Medisave Scheme.
5. In this case, the DC found that Dr Ang's conduct was dishonest and there was a need for a period of suspension of the registration of Dr Ang, bearing in mind also the difficulty of detecting fraudulent claims without audits by the MOH which is tedious and involves substantial resources.
6. The DC noted that this is the first case involving deception to obtain unauthorised Medisave withdrawals, and taking into account the circumstances of the case and the mitigating factors, made the following orders on 5 April 2018:
 - (1) Dr Ang's registration in the Register of Dentists be suspended for a period of 12 months,
 - (2) Dr Ang shall be fined the amount of \$25,000, and in default of payment of this fine, a further period of 3 months for the suspension shall be imposed;
 - (3) Dr Ang shall furnish a written undertaking to the SDC that he will not engage in the conduct complained of or any similar conduct;

(4) Dr Ang shall be censured; and

(5) Dr Ang shall pay the costs and expenses of and incidental to the proceedings, including the costs of Counsel to the SDC and the Legal Assessor.

7. The DC also ordered that the decision shall be published.

8. Dr Ang's 12-month suspension shall take effect on 11 May 2018.

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