# Usage of CPF Medisave in Malaysia Hospitals and Medical Centers

Less than 1 year since our initial posting, the Singapore Government acted fast and in Feb 2010, the Ministry of Health (MOH) declared officially that Singaporeans will be able to use CPF Medisave for payment in 12 hospitals/medical centers in Malaysia starting 1st March 2010. The nearest of these 12 hospitals/medical centers to Singapore is the Regency Specialist Hospital located in Johor Bahru (Regency is just an hour's drive from Singapore or just 25 minutes away from the Johor Bahru CIQ).

With the medical bills in Malaysian hospitals expected to be some 20%-35% cheaper compared to Singapore hospitals, this is good news for Singapore citizens who now have an alternative in managing escalating health care costs. To top it up, these 12 hospitals and medical centers in Malaysia are actually owned by 2 health care group in Singapore: Health Management International (HMI) and Parkway Holdings. Expect a certain standard of medical health-care and facilities to be provided.

For example, Regency's patient care facilities and medical equipment are comparable to Singapore hospitals. It has the latest state of the art medical and diagnostic equipment including a 64 multi-slice Computerized Tomographic ("CT") Scanner and 1.5 Tesla Magnetic Resonance Imager ("MRI") from General Electric ("GE"). In addition, its new Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory ("Cath Lab") adds to the comprehensive range of cardiac care treatments for those experiencing acute coronary symptoms in need of cardiac catheterization, angioplasty, stent, balloon or pacemaker implantation.

The listing below shows the 12 medical centers and hospitals currently approved by the Ministry of Health for usage of CPF Medisave.

HEALTH MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL (HMI)

Referral centre: Balestier Clinic and Health Screening Centre (221 Balestier Road, #03-04 ROCCA Balestier)

Referred to:

1. Regency Specialist Hospital (Johor Baru)

2. Mahkota Medical Centre (Malacca)

PARKWAY HOLDINGS

Referral centre: East Shore Hospital (321 Joo Chiat Place)

Referred to:

1. Gleneagles Intan Medical Centre (Kuala Lumpur)

2. Pantai Hospital Kuala Lumpur

3. Pantai Hospital Cheras

4. Pantai Hospital Ampang

5. Pantai Hospital Klang

6. Pantai Hospital Ipoh

7. Pantai Hospital Ayer Keroh

8. Pantai-Hospital Penang

9. Pantai-Hospital Batu Pahat

10. Pantai-Hospital Sungai Petani

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