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Circular

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To,

CEO, National Pension System Trust/Central recordkeeping Agencies/Pension Funds/Trustee Bank/Govt. Nodal Offices/Points of Presence / Aggregators

Dear Sir/Madam

SUBJECT: GUIDELINES ON PROCESS TO BE FOLLOWED BY SUBSCRIBERS AND NODAL OFFICE/POP/AGGREGATOR FOR PROCESSING OF PARTIAL WITHDRAWAL REQUEST

Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawal under the National Pension System) (First Amendment) Regulations 2017 have been notified/published on the website (www.egazette.nic.in.) w.e.f.10.08.2017 . In light of this , Circular dated 21.03.2016 has been modified and norms for partial withdrawals have been liberalized .This circular shall be effective from the date of the notification of first amendment i.e. 10-08-2017.

2. As per Regulation 8 of the PFRDA (Exit and withdrawal from National Pension System)(first amendment)Regulations 2017, following provisions have been notified in respect of the partial withdrawals under National Pension System (NPS):-

(1) A partial withdrawal of accumulated pension wealth of the subscriber, not exceeding twenty-five per cent. of the contributions made by the subscriber and excluding contributions made by employer, if any, at any time before exit from National Pension System subject to the terms and conditions, purpose, frequency and limits specified below:-

(A) Purpose: A subscriber on the date of submission of the withdrawal form, shall be permitted to withdraw not exceeding twenty-five percent. of the

contributions made by such subscriber to his individual pension account, for any of the following purposes only:-

(a) for Higher education of his or her children including a legally adopted child;

(b) for the marriage of his or her children, including a legally adopted child;

(c) for the purchase or construction of a residential house or flat in his or her own name or in a joint name with his or her legally wedded spouse. In case, the subscriber already owns either individually or in the joint name a residential house or flat, other than ancestral property, no withdrawal under these regulations shall be permitted;

(d) for treatment of specified illnesses: if the subscriber, his legally wedded spouse, children, including a legally adopted child or dependent parents suffer from any specified illness, which shall comprise of hospitalization and treatment in respect of the following diseases:

- (i) Cancer;
- (ii) Kidney Failure (End Stage Renal Failure);
- (iii) Primary Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension;
- (iv) Multiple Sclerosis;
- (v) Major Organ Transplant;
- (vi) Coronary Artery Bypass Graft;
- (vii) Aorta Graft Surgery;
- (viii) Heart Valve Surgery;
- (ix) Stroke;
- (x) Myocardial Infarction
- (xi) Coma;
- (xii) Total blindness;
- (xiii) Paralysis;
- (xiv) Accident of serious/ life threatening nature.
- (xv) any other critical illness of a life threatening nature as stipulated in the circulars, guidelines or notifications issued by the Authority from time to time.

(B) **Limits:** the permitted withdrawal shall be allowed only if the following eligibility criteria and limit for availing the benefit are complied with by the subscriber:-

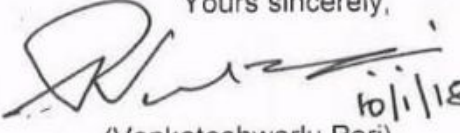
(a) the subscriber shall have been in the National Pension System at least for a period of three years from the date of his or her joining;

(b) the subscriber shall be permitted to withdraw accumulations not exceeding twenty-five per cent of the contributions made by him or her and standing to his or her credit in his or her individual pension account, as on the date of application for withdrawal;

(C) **Frequency:** the subscriber shall be allowed to withdraw only a maximum of three times during the entire tenure of subscription under the National Pension System. The request for withdrawal shall be submitted by the subscriber, along with relevant documents to the central recordkeeping agency or the National Pension System Trust, as may be specified, for processing of such withdrawal claim through their nodal office. Provided that where a subscriber is suffering from any illness, specified in sub-clause (d), the request for withdrawal may be submitted, through any family member of such subscriber.

3. **Partial Withdrawal process/documents:**

Operational process/documents to be adhered to / submitted for availing partial withdrawal would be as per the norms/guidelines prescribed/specified earlier.

Yours sincerely,

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