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#### NATIONAL INSURANCE (CHRONIC DISEASES PRESCRIPTION DRUG FUND) ACT, 2009 (NO. 41 OF 2009)

#### NATIONAL INSURANCE (CHRONIC DISEASES PRESCRIPTION DRUG FUND) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2015

The Minister, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 11 of the National Insurance (Chronic Diseases Prescription Drug Fund) Act, 2009, makes the following Regulations —

#### 1. Citation.

These Regulations may be cited as the National Insurance (Chronic Diseases Prescription Drug Fund)(Amendment) Regulations, 2015.

#### 2. Amends Fifth Schedule to S. I. No. 89 of 2010.

The Fifth Schedule to the National Insurance (Chronic Diseases Prescription Drug Fund) Regulations is amended —

(a) by deleting the specified disease and medical condition "ARTHRITIS" and substituting therefor the specified disease and medical condition "RHEUMATIC DISEASES (including Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis and Lupus)", and by inserting the following new classes of prescription drugs —

"Immunologic-Mono Clonal Antibody

Other Miscellaneous medications necessary for the

management of the disease";

(b) by deleting the specified disease and medical condition "ASTHMA" and substituting therefor the specified disease and medical condition "ASTHMA AND CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE", and by inserting the following new classes of prescription drugs —

"Short Acting Broncho-Dilator

Glucocorticoid Steroid";

- (c) under the specified disease and medical condition "BREAST CANCER", by inserting the following new classes of prescription drugs —
  - "Opioids GnRH agonist Bisphosphonate Other Miscellaneous medications necessary for the management of the disease";
- (d) under the specified disease and medical condition "DIABETES", by inserting the following new class of prescription drug —

"Glucagon Analog";

(e) under the specified disease and medical condition "EPILEPSY", by inserting the following new class of prescription drug —

"Anticonvulsant";

(f) under the specified disease and medical condition "HIGH CHOLESTEROL", by inserting the following new classes of prescription drugs —

"Fibrates

Angiotensin Receptor Blocker";

(g) under the specified disease and medical condition "HYPERTENSION", by inserting the following new class of prescription drug —

"Potassium Sparing Diuretics";

(h) under the specified disease and medical condition "PROSTATE CANCER", by inserting the following new class of prescription drug —

"Opioids";

(i) by deleting the specified disease and medical condition "PSYCHIATRIC ILLNESS" and substituting therefor the specified disease and medical condition "PSYCHIATRIC ILLNESS (including Depression, Psychosis, Schizophrenia and Dementia)", and by inserting the following new classes of prescription drugs —

"Acetylcholinesterase Inhibitor

Melatonergic Antidepressant

Anticonvulsant

Sodium Ion Transport Inhibitor";

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 (j) under the specified disease and medical condition "SICKLE CELL ANEMIA", by inserting the following new classes of prescription drugs —

"Antibiotic

Folic Acid Supplement".

### Made this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

Signed SHANE GIBSON Minister responsible for National Insurance

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