

Circular 01/2026

2 January 2026

To: All Baby Bonus Approved Persons/Approved Institutions

Dear Sir/Madam,

UPDATED APPROVED PERSONS/APPROVED INSTITUTIONS TERMS & CONDITIONS AND ISSUANCE OF NEW APPROVED INSTITUTIONS STICKERS

Aim

This circular informs all Approved Persons (“AP”) of Baby Bonus Approved Institutions (“AI”) on the:

- a. updated AP/AI Terms and Conditions that will be effective from 1 January 2026; and,
- b. issuance of new Baby Bonus AI stickers and decals.

(A) Updated Baby Bonus AP/AI Terms and Conditions

Discontinuation of Optical Shops and Retail Pharmacies as AI Categories

2 On 1 October 2025, the Ministry of Social and Family Development (“MSF”) announced that the use of Child Development Account (CDA) will be discontinued at optical shops and retail pharmacies with effect from 1 January 2026. For more information on the announcement and frequently asked questions (FAQs), you may refer to Circular 5/2025 [here](#).

Streamlining of Record Keeping Requirements

3 Following feedback from APs on the challenges in adhering to the record-keeping requirements, MSF has streamlined the record-keeping requirements for AIs. The following requirements will take effect from 1 January 2026:

a. Records to be kept for CDA Transactions

- i. Name of beneficiary (CDA member/sibling) for whom payment/purchase is made
- ii. Transaction date
- iii. Amount paid out of or refunded to the CDA
- iv. Purpose of CDA transaction

b. Records that no longer need to be kept:

- i. CDA account number from which payment is made
- ii. Particulars of beneficiary (CDA member/sibling) for whom payment/purchase is made
- iii. Any document or information to verify the relationship between the member and his sibling, if payment is made for the benefit of the member's sibling
- iv. Mode of payment or refund

4 With the above changes, the [Child Development Co-Savings Regulations](#) and AP/AI Terms and Conditions have been amended accordingly. The updated Terms and Conditions can be found [here](#).

(B) Issuance of New Baby Bonus AI Stickers and Decals

5 MSF will be issuing new AI stickers and decals to all AIs in batches in early January 2026. Each AI will receive one sticker and one decal by post. You may request for additional stickers or decals via this [FormSG](#). Please ensure that the old stickers and decals are promptly replaced upon receiving the new ones, and the old ones are properly disposed of.

Reminder on Correct CDA Uses

6 MSF would like to remind APs/AIs that CDA moneys are to be used strictly for the benefit of the CDA member or his/her siblings for approved fees and incidental charges listed in [Appendix 1](#) and [Appendix 2](#) of the [AP/AI Terms and Conditions](#) only.

7 Refunds for payment made from the CDA must be credited back into the CDA via (a) the AI's corporate bank account registered with MSF, using Interbank GIRO, or (b) the [AI Portal](#), using the "Make a CDA Refund" service.

8 CDA moneys **cannot** be used for non-approved expenses, which include, but are not limited to, administrative fees (e.g. bank processing fee or late penalty fee), parents' participation in school activities (e.g. excursions), nor deposits or advance payments for services that have not been provided to the child or his/her sibling. MSF will continue to perform routine audits on CDA transactions and may take action against an AP/AI for any breach of the Relevant Legislation and Conditions¹.

¹The [Relevant Legislation and Conditions](#) refer to the Child Development Co-Savings Act (CDCA), the Child Development Co-Savings Regulations (CDCR) and the AP/AI Terms and Conditions collectively.

Resources and Clarifications

9 Please see an infographic on the list of approved uses of CDA with effect from 1 January 2026 for your display/dissemination to customers [here](#).

10 For clarifications on the contents of this circular, please direct your queries to MSF_Babybonus@msf.gov.sg.

Thank you.

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