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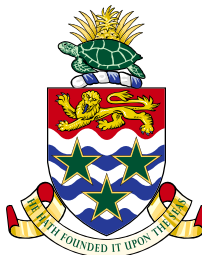
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I Assent,



Jane Owen
Governor

Date: 19th March, 2026

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE HEALTH INSURANCE ACT (2021 REVISION) TO DELETE THE DEFINITION OF THE WORDS “INDIGENT PERSON”; TO INTRODUCE A DEFINITION FOR THE WORDS “MEDICALLY INDIGENT PERSON”; TO DELETE REFERENCES TO “INDIGENT PERSON” AND REFERENCES DESCRIBING PERSONS AS INDIGENT AND SUBSTITUTE WITH REFERENCES TO “MEDICALLY INDIGENT PERSON”; TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS; AND FOR INCIDENTAL AND CONNECTED PURPOSES

ENACTED by the Legislature of the Cayman Islands.

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Health Insurance (Amendment) Act, 2026.

Amendment of section 2 of the Health Insurance Act (2021 Revision) - definitions

2. The *Health Insurance Act (2021 Revision)*, in this Act referred to as the “principal Act”, is amended in section 2 as follows —
 - (a) by repealing the section heading and substituting the following section heading —

“Interpretation”;

- (b) by deleting the definition of the words “**indigent person**”; and
- (c) by inserting, in the appropriate alphabetical sequence, the following definitions —

“**Chief Medical Officer**” has the meaning assigned by section 2 of the *Public Health Act (2026 Revision)*; and

“**medically indigent person**” means a person who —

- (a) is a recipient, as defined in section 2(1) of the *Financial Assistance Act, 2022*; or
- (b) in the opinion of the Minister responsible for health, after consultation with the Chief Medical Officer or the Chief Medical Officer’s designate, is unable to pay for the person’s health insurance or medical services by reason of inadequate financial resources;”.

Amendment of section 5 - compulsory health insurance

3. The principal Act is amended in section 5 as follows —

- (a) in subsection (3), by repealing paragraph (f) and substituting the following paragraph —
 - “(f) each medically indigent person;” and
- (b) in subsection (5), by deleting the word “indigent” and substituting the words “a medically indigent person”.



Transitional provision

4. Where, on the date of commencement of this amending legislation, an application is pending for a decision under the principal Act as to whether a person is unable, by reason of inadequate financial resources, to pay for the person's health insurance or medical services, the application shall be dealt with in accordance with this amending legislation.

Passed by the Parliament the 5th day of March, 2026.

Hon. D. Ezzard Miller
Speaker

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Acting Clerk of the Parliament