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Sub: Amendments in Employees' State Insurance (Central) Rule, 1950 – Copy of Gazette Notification.

It is brought to the notice for all the **Gazette of India, Extraordinary No. 55, Part – II, Section – 3, Sub-Section (I) containing G.S.R. 62(E) dated 20.01.2017** for information and compliance.

The above notification enhances the period of maternity benefit in Rule 56(2) from twelve weeks to twenty six weeks. The period prior to confinement for which maternity benefit is available also stands enhanced from six weeks to eight weeks.

After the first proviso to Rule 56(2). Second proviso has been inserted which now entitles a commissioning mother or adopting mother to maternity benefit for twelve weeks.

The third proviso to Rule 56(2) has also been inserted which limits the period available for maternity benefit to Insured Woman having two or more surviving children.

The notification also inserts the definition of "Insured Woman," in Rule 2 at clause 6-A.

Encl; As above (3 pages).

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