

Statement of Principles

concerning

SICKLE-CELL DISEASE

ICD CODE: 282.6

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
subsection 196B(3)

1. Being of the view that, on the sound medical-scientific evidence available to the Repatriation Medical Authority, it is more probable than not that **sickle-cell disease** and **death from sickle-cell disease** can be related to eligible war service (other than operational service) rendered by veterans and defence service (other than hazardous service) rendered by members of the Forces, the Repatriation Medical Authority determines, under subsection 196B(3) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, that the factor that must exist before it can be said that, on the balance of probabilities, **sickle-cell disease** or **death from sickle-cell disease** is connected with the circumstances of that service, is:
 - (a) the inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for the sickle-cell disease.
2. Subject to clause 3 (below) the factor set out in paragraph **1(a)** must be related to any service rendered by a person.
3. The factor set out in paragraph **1(a)** applies only where:
 - (a) the person's **sickle-cell disease** was contracted prior to a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and
 - (b) the relationship suggested between the **sickle-cell disease** and the particular service of a person is a relationship set out in paragraph 8(1)(e), 9(1)(e) or 70(5)(d) of the Act.

