

Amendment of Statement of Principles  
concerning  
**SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH**

**ICD CODES: 798.1, 798.2**

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986  
subsection 196B(3)

The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(3) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act), Instrument No.100 of 1996, (Statement of Principles concerning sudden unexplained death), by:

1. omitting the definition of "severe psychosocial stressor" from paragraph 6, and replacing it with the following:

**"severe psychosocial stressor"** means an identifiable occurrence that evokes feelings of substantial distress in an individual, for example, being shot at, death or serious injury in a close friend or relative, assault (including sexual assault), severe illness or injury, experiencing a loss such as divorce or separation, loss of employment, major financial problems or legal problems;"

2. The amendments made by this instrument apply to all matters to which Instrument No.100 of 1996 and section 120B of the Act apply.

Dated this *Ninth* day of *December*  
1996

The Common Seal of the )  
Repatriation Medical Authority )  
was affixed to this instrument )  
in the presence of: )

KEN DONALD  
CHAIRMAN