

REVOKED

Amendment of Statement of Principles

concerning

DEPRESSIVE DISORDER

ICD CODES: 296.3, 300.4, 311

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.66 of 1996, (Statement of Principles concerning depressive disorder), by:

1. omitting the definition of "ICD code" from paragraph 7, and replacing it with the following:

"ICD code' means a number assigned to a particular kind of injury or disease in the Australian Version of The International Classification of Diseases, 9th revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM), effective date of 1 July 1996, copyrighted by the National Coding Centre, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Sydney, NSW, and having ISBN 0 642 24447 2;";

2. omitting the definition of "severe psychosocial stressor" from paragraph 7, 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;”;

3. The amendments made by this instrument apply to all matters to which Instrument No.66 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