

Amendment of Statement of Principles
concerning
SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH

ICD CODES: 798.1, 798.2

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
subsection 196B(2)

The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(2) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act), Instrument No.99 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.99 of 1996 and section 120A 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