

## Amendment of Statement of Principles

concerning

# PERSONALITY DISORDER

**ICD CODES: 301.0, 301.10, 301.11, 301.12, 301.2 - 301.9**

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.143 of 1995, (Statement of Principles concerning personality disorder), by:

1. omitting the words "ICD CODE: 301" in the heading of the Instrument and replacing them with the following:

**"ICD CODES: 301.0, 301.10, 301.11, 301.12, 301.2 - 301.9"**

2. omitting the definitions of "ICD code" and "personality disorder" in paragraph 4 and replacing them with the following definitions:

**"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;

**‘personality disorder’** means a psychiatric condition, attracting ICD code 301.0, 301.10, 301.11, 301.12 or a code in the range 301.2 to 301.9, derived from DSM-IV, meeting the following criteria,

- (a) an enduring pattern of inner experience and behaviour that deviates markedly from the expectations of the individual's culture, manifested in at least two of the following areas:
  - (i) cognition (ie. ways of perceiving and interpreting self, other people and events);
  - (ii) affectivity (ie. the range, intensity, lability, and appropriateness of emotional response);
  - (iii) interpersonal functioning;
  - (iv) impulse control; and
- (b) the enduring pattern is inflexible and operative across a broad range of personal and social situations; and
- (c) the enduring pattern leads to clinically significant distress or impairment in social, occupational, or other important areas eg. functioning; and
- (d) the pattern is stable and of long duration and its onset can be traced back at least to adolescence or early adulthood; and
- (e) the enduring pattern is not better accounted for as a manifestation or consequence of another mental disorder; and
- (f) the enduring pattern is not due to the direct physiological effects of a substance (eg. a drug of abuse, a medication) or a general medical condition (eg. head trauma), and may be identified as any of the following:
  - (i) paranoid personality disorder attracting ICD code 301.0;
  - (ii) schizoid personality disorder attracting ICD code 301.2;
  - (iii) schizo typical personality disorder attracting ICD code 301.22;
  - (iv) antisocial personality disorder attracting ICD code 301.7;
  - (v) borderline personality disorder attracting ICD code 301.83;
  - (vi) histrionic personality disorder attracting ICD code 301.50;
  - (vii) narcissistic personality disorder attracting ICD code 301.81;
  - (viii) avoidant personality disorder attracting ICD code 301.82;
  - (ix) dependent personality disorder attracting ICD code 301.6;
  - (x) obsessive-compulsive personality disorder attracting ICD code 301.4;

- (xi) personality disorder not otherwise specified attracting ICD code 301.9.

Note: The above criteria are derived from DSM-IV.”.

3. The amendments made by this instrument apply to all matters to which Instrument No.143 of 1995 and section 120A of the Act apply.

Dated this **Twenty-second** day of  
**January** 1997

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

KEN DONALD  
CHAIRMAN