

Amendment of Statement of Principles

concerning

ANAL FISSURE

ICD CODE: 565.0

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.248 of 1995, (Statement of Principles concerning anal fissure), by:

1. omitting the words "ICD CODES: 565.0, 863.89, 863.99" in the heading of the Instrument and replacing them with the following:

"ICD CODE: 565.0"

2. omitting the definition of "anal fissure" in paragraph 4 and replacing it with the following definition:

"anal fissure' means a longitudinal, elliptical or rounded defect in the anoderm, extending part or all of the way from the anal verge to the pectinate line, attracting ICD code 565.0;"

3. omitting the definition of "ICD code" in paragraph 4 and replacing it with the following definition:

"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;”;

4. omitting the definition of “trauma to the perineum” in paragraph 4 and replacing it with the following definition:

“**trauma to the perineum**’ means injury to the region between the thighs caused, for example, by childbirth, laceration by a foreign body, sexual assault or surgical procedures, attracting ICD code 664, 863.89 or 863.99;”.

5. The amendments made by this instrument apply to all matters to which Instrument No.248 of 1995 and section 120B 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