

Amendment of Statement of Principles
concerning
SENSORINEURAL HEARING LOSS

ICD CODE: 389.1

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986

1. The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(2) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act), Instrument No.45 of 1996, (Statement of Principles concerning sensorineural hearing loss), by:
 - A. omitting the definition of "sensorineural hearing loss" in paragraph 2(b) and replacing it with the following definition:

“(b) For the purposes of this Statement of Principles, **'sensorineural hearing loss'** means a permanent hearing threshold shift of 25 decibels (dB) or more, at 500, 1000, 1500, 2000, 3000 or 4000 hertz (Hz) due to a defect in the cochlea or the auditory nerve whereby nervous impulses from the cochlea to the brain are attenuated, attracting ICD code 389.1.”;
 - B. omitting the definition of "being treated with a drug in the Schedule" in paragraph 7 and replacing it with the following definition:

“**being treated with a drug identified in the Schedule'** means therapeutic administration of one of the following drugs;

 - (a) a parenteral aminoglycoside antibiotic:
gentamicin, or
streptomycin, or
kanamycin, or
amikacin, or
netilmicin, or

tobramycin;

- (b) intravenous administration of:
ethacrynic acid, or
furosemide, or
bumetanide, or
vancomycin, or
erythromycin;
- (c) chemotherapeutic agents:
nitrogen mustard, or
bleomycin, or
cisplatin, or
 α -difluoromethylornithine, or
vincristine, or
vinblastine, or
misonidazole, or
6-amino nicotinamide, or
carboplatin;”;

- C. omitting the definition of “ICD code” in paragraph 7 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;”.

- 2. The amendments made by this instrument apply to all matters to which Instrument No.45 of 1996 and section 120A of the Act apply.

Dated this *Twenty-second* day of *January*
1998

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

KEN DONALD
CHAIRMAN