## **REVOKED**

## Amendment of Statement of Principles

concerning

## **CHRONIC AIRFLOW LIMITATION**

ICD CODES: 491.2, 492.0 to 492.8, and 496

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 subsection 196B(2)

The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(2) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, Instrument No.17 of 1994 (Statement of Principles concerning chronic airflow limitation) by:

- 1. omitting from the heading to the Instrument the words and number, "ICD CODE: 496", and inserting in its place, "ICD CODES: 491.2, 492.0 to 492.8, and 496";
- 2. omitting paragraphs 1(a) to 1(e) inclusive and replacing them with:
- "(a) smoking at least ten pack-years before clinical onset of chronic airflow limitation; or
- (b) smoking at least ten pack-years before the clinical worsening of chronic airflow limitation; or
- (c) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for chronic airflow limitation";
- 3. omitting clause 2 and replacing with:

"Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paragraphs 1(a) to 1(c) must be related to any service rendered by a person";

4. omitting clause 3 and replacing with:

"The factors set out in paragraphs 1(b) and 1(c) apply only where:

- the person's **chronic airflow limitation** was contracted prior to a (a) period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and
- (b) the relationship suggested between the **chronic airflow limitation** and the particular service of a person is a relationship set out in paragraph 8(1)(e), 9(1)(e), 70(5)(d), or 70(5A)(d) of the Act";
- 5. omitting the definition of "chronic airflow limitation" in clause 4, and inserting in its place the following definition:
  - "'chronic airflow limitation' means a permanent obstruction to airflow due to chronic bronchitis or emphysema, measured by:
  - a decrease in the person's Forced Expiratory Volume in one (a) second (FEV<sub>1</sub>) to 85% or less of the normal predicted value for a person of the same age, height and gender; and
  - a ratio of FEV<sub>1</sub> to Forced Vital Capacity (FVC) of 75% or less; and (b) attracting an ICD code of 491.2, 492.0 - 492.8 or 496.".

6. omitting the definition of "asthma" in paragraph 4.

Dated this	day of	1994
The Common Seal of the	)	
Repatriation Medical Authority	)	
was affixed to this instrument	)	
in the presence of:	)	

KEN DONALD **CHAIRMAN**