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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:

(a) the person's chronic airflow limitation was contracted prior to 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) a decrease in the person’s Forced Expiratory Volume in one second (FEV₁) to 85% or less of the normal predicted value for a person of the same age, height and gender; and

(b) a ratio of FEV₁ to Forced Vital Capacity (FVC) of 75% or less; and 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

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