

Amendment of Statement of Principles

concerning

ALLERGIC RHINITIS

ICD CODE: 477.0, 477.8, 477.9

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
subsection 196B(3)

1. The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(3) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act), Instrument No.66 of 1995 (Statement of Principles concerning allergic rhinitis) by omitting the words:

“**eosinophilia**' means the formation of an abnormally large number of eosinophils in the blood attracting an ICD code of 288.3;”

from paragraph 4 of that instrument, and inserting the following words:

“**allergens**' means an antigenic substance capable of producing an immediate immune response;

'allergic rhinitis' means an IgE-mediated hypersensitivity disease of the mucous membranes of the nasal passages; conjunctival, nasal and pharyngeal itching and lacrimation all occurring in a temporal relationship to allergen exposure. The condition may be seasonal or perennial, attracting ICD code 477.0, 477.8 or 477.9;”

NOTE: The effect of this amendment is that paragraph 4 of that instrument is as follows-

4. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles:

“**allergens**” means an antigenic substance capable of producing an immediate immune response;

“**allergic rhinitis**” means an IgE-mediated hypersensitivity disease of the mucous membranes of the nasal passages; conjunctival, nasal and pharyngeal itching and

lacrimation all occurring in a temporal relationship to allergen exposure. The condition may be seasonal or perennial, attracting ICD code 477.0, 477.8 or 477.9;

“**hypothyroidism**” means the deficiency of thyroid activity attracting the ICD codes of 243 or 244;

“**ICD code**” means a number assigned to a particular kind of injury or disease in the tenth edition of the *International Classification of Diseases* 9th Revision, effective date of 1 October 1993, copyrighted by the US Commission on Professional and Hospital Activities, and having the Library of Congress number 77-94472;

“**immuno-compromised state**” means a state where the immune response has been attenuated by administration of immunosuppressive drugs, or by irradiation, certain types of infection, malnutrition, or a malignant disease process.

2. The amendments made by this instrument apply to all matters to which Instrument No.66 of 1995 and section 120B of the Act apply.

Dated this *Twenty-fifth* day of *May* 1995

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

KEN DONALD
CHAIRMAN