

# Amendment of Statement of Principles

concerning

## **SICKLE-CELL DISEASE**

**ICD CODES: 282.5, 282.6**

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986  
subsection 196B(2)

The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(2) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act), Instrument No.109 of 1995 (Statement of Principles concerning sickle-cell disease) by:

1. omitting from the heading of the Instrument the words and numbers, "ICD CODE: 282.6", and inserting in its place, "ICD CODES: 282.5, 282.6";
2. omitting the definition of "sickle-cell disease" in paragraph 4, and inserting in its place the following definition:  
  
    "**sickle-cell disease**' (including sickle-cell anaemia and sickle-cell trait) means an hereditary haematological condition, attracting ICD code 282.5 or 282.6, whereby, on deoxygenation, red blood cells containing the haemoglobin Hb S change from bi-concave disk shaped cells to crescent or "sickle" shaped cells.";
3. The amendments made by this instrument apply to all matters to which Instrument No.109 of 1995 and section 120A 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