Amendment of Statement of Principles
concerning
SUICIDE OR ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

ICD CODE: 989.9

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.71 of 1996, (Statement of Principles concerning suicide or attempted suicide), by:

1. omitting the definition of “ICD code” from paragraph 7, and replacing it with the following:

   “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. omitting the definition of “severe psychosocial stressor” from paragraph 7, and replacing it with the following:

   “severe psychosocial stressor' means an identifiable occurrence that evokes feelings of substantial distress in an individual, for example, being shot at, death or serious injury in a close friend or relative, assault (including sexual assault), severe illness or injury, experiencing a loss
such as divorce or separation, loss of employment, major financial problems or legal problems;’’;

3. The amendments made by this instrument apply to all matters to which Instrument No.71 of 1996 and section 120A of the Act apply.

Dated this Ninth day of December 1996

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

KEN DONALD
CHAIRMAN