

Amendment of Statement of Principles

concerning

HEPATITIS C

ICD CODES: 070.41, 070.44, 070.51, 070.54

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
subsection 196B(3)

The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(3) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act), Instrument No.44 of 1995, (Statement of Principles concerning hepatitis C), by:

1. omitting the words "ICD CODES: 070.41, 070.51" in the heading of the Instrument and replacing them with the following:

"ICD CODES: 070.41, 070.44, 070.51, 070.54"

2. omitting the definitions of "hepatitis C" and "ICD code" in paragraph 4 and replacing them with the following definitions:

"hepatitis C" means the presence of anti-HCV on serologic testing, attracting ICD code 070.41, 070.44, 070.51 or 070.54;

'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;".

3. The amendments made by this instrument apply to all matters to which Instrument No.44 of 1995 and section 120B of the Act apply.

Dated this **Twenty-second** day of
January 1997

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

KEN DONALD
CHAIRMAN