Amendment of Statement of Principles

concerning

HEPATITIS C

ICD CODES: 070.41, 070.44, 070.51, 070.54

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.43 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.43 of 1995 and section 120A 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