Amendment of Statement of Principles

concerning

LUMBAR SPONDYLOSIS

ICD-10-AM CODES:
M47.16, M47.17, M47.26, M47.27, M47.86, M47.87, M47.96, M47.97, M51.3

Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986

1. The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(2) of the Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986 (the Act), Instrument No.46 of 2002 by:

A. in paragraph 5, deleting factor (g) and factor (t) and inserting in their place the following factors:

“(g) suffering an injury to the lumbar spine which has resulted in permanent ligamentous instability of the lumbar spine before the clinical onset of lumbar spondylosis; or”

“(t) suffering an injury to the lumbar spine which has resulted in permanent ligamentous instability of the lumbar spine before the clinical worsening of lumbar spondylosis; or”

B. in paragraph 8, deleting the definition of “permanent ligamentous instability” and inserting in its place the following definition:

“permanent ligamentous instability of the lumbar spine’ means radiological evidence on flexion and extension lateral radiographs of either:

(i) anteroposterior motion of one vertebra over another in the lumbar spine that is greater than 4.5 mm, or
(ii) angular motion between L1 and L2 greater than 15 degrees, or
(iii) angular motion between L2 and L3 greater than 15 degrees, or
(iv) angular motion between L3 and L4 greater than 15 degrees, or
(v) angular motion between L4 and L5 greater than 20 degrees, or
(vi) angular motion between L5 and S1 greater than 25 degrees;”

2. The amendments made by this instrument apply to all matters to which Instrument No.46 of 2002 and section 120A of the Act apply.

Dated this Twenty-First day of November 2002

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

KEN DONALD CHAIRMAN