

REVOKED

Amendment of Statement of Principles

concerning

**CHRONIC AIRFLOW LIMITATION**

ICD CODES: 491.2, 492.0 to 492.8, and 496

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986  
subsection 196B(3)

The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(3) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, Instrument No.18 of 1994 (Statement of Principles concerning chronic airflow limitation) by:

1. omitting from the heading to the Instrument the words and number, "ICD CODE: 496", and inserting in its place, "ICD CODES: 491.2, 492.0 to 492.8, and 496";
2. omitting paragraphs 1(a) to 1(e) inclusive and replacing them with:
  - "(a) smoking at least 15 pack-years before clinical onset of chronic airflow limitation; or
  - (b) smoking at least 15 pack-years before the clinical worsening of chronic airflow limitation; o
  - (c) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for chronic airflow limitation;
3. omitting clause 2 and replacing with:

"Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paragraphs **1(a) to 1(c)** must be related to any service rendered by a person";

4. omitting clause 3 and replacing with:

"The factors set out in paragraphs **1(b) and 1(c)** apply only where:

(a) the persons **chronic airflow limitation** was contracted prior to a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and

(b) the relationship suggested between the **chronic airflow limitation** and the particular service of a person is a relationship set out in paragraphs 8(1)(e), 9(1)(e) or 70(5)(d) of the Act";

5. omitting the definition of "chronic airflow limitation" in clause 4, and inserting in its place the following definition, which reflects the international standard:

“**‘chronic airflow limitation’** means a permanent obstruction to airflow due to chronic bronchitis or emphysema, measured by:

(a) a decrease in the person’s Forced Expiratory Volume in one second (FEV<sub>1</sub>) to 85% or less of the normal predicted value for a person of the same age, height and gender; and

(b) a ratio of FEV<sub>1</sub> to Forced Vital Capacity (FVC) of 75% or less; and

attracting an ICD code of 491.2, 492.0 to 492.8, or 496.”.

6. omitting the definition of "asthma" in paragraph 4.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1994

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

KEN DONALD  
CHAIRMAN