



**Australian Government**

Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004

**MRCA Treatment Principles (Claims/Dental/Fees)  
Instrument 2010**

Instrument No.M8/2010

I, Warren Snowdon, Minister for Veterans' Affairs, pursuant to subsection 286(3) of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*, approve this instrument made by the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission.

Dated this First day of October 2010

Warren Snowdon

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**WARREN SNOWDON**

The Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission, pursuant to subsection 286(2) of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*, varies the *MRCA Treatment Principles* (Instrument No.M21 of 2004) in accordance with the Schedule.

Dated this 23rd day of September 2010

The Seal of the ) Seal  
Military Rehabilitation )  
and Compensation Commission )  
was affixed hereto in the )  
presence of: )  
Ian Campbell ) Major General Mark Kelly AO

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**IAN CAMPBELL**  
**CHAIR**

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**MAJOR GENERAL MARK KELLY AO**  
**MEMBER**

## [1] Name of Instrument

This instrument is the *MRCA Treatment Principles (Claims/Dental/Fees) Instrument 2010*

## [2] Commencement

- (a) Subject to (b), (c) and (d) this instrument commences on the day after the day on which it is registered on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments.
- (b) Paragraph 26 (which inserts the Schedule 1 in the *MRCA Treatment Principles*) is taken to have commenced, in respect of the items in Part 1 of the Schedule 1 that relate to fees, on 1 November 2009. Paragraph 26 commences in respect of the remaining items in Part 1 of Schedule 1 on the day after the day on which this instrument is registered on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments.
- (c) The variation made by paragraph 26 (which inserts the Schedule 1 in the *MRCA Treatment Principles*) is, immediately after commencement of this instrument, revoked, or taken to have been revoked, on 1 May 2010.
- (d) The variation made by paragraph 26A (which inserts the Schedule 1 in the *MRCA Treatment Principles*) is taken to have commenced after the revocation of the variation made by paragraph 26 and:
  - (i) in respect of the items in Part 1 of the Schedule 1 that relate to fees, on 1 May 2010. In respect of the remaining items in Part 1 of Schedule 1, on the day after the day on which this instrument is registered on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments;
  - (ii) in respect of the items in Part 2 of the Schedule 1, on 1 November 2010.

### [3] Application

- (1) (a) Where, before the commencement of this instrument, a health care provider treated an entitled person and, on the commencement of the instrument, had not lodged a claim for payment for the treatment, the situation is governed by the *MRCA Treatment Principles* as varied by this instrument.

Note: this means that the provider has 5 years from the date of service in which to lodge a claim with the possibility of that period being extended.

- (b) Where, before the commencement of this instrument, a health care provider treated an entitled person and, on the commencement of the instrument:

(i) had lodged a claim for payment for the treatment within 6 months after the treatment but the claim had not been determined;

(ii) had lodged a claim for payment for the treatment more than 6 months after the treatment and the claim had not been determined;

the situation is governed by the *MRCA Treatment Principles* as varied by this instrument.

Note: for case (i), this means that the claim is within the claim period of 5 years from the date of service.

for case (ii), if the claim is within the claim period of 5 years from the date of service, it will be assessed routinely. If the period is greater than 5 years from the date of service it will be assessed under late-lodgement guidelines.

- (c) Where, before the commencement of this instrument, a health care provider treated an entitled person and, on the commencement of the instrument, had applied to the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission for an extension of time in which to lodge a claim for payment for the treatment and the application had not been determined:

(i) if the application had been made within 5 years after the treatment had been provided, the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission is to

accept the claim in respect of which the application is made;

Note: applications tend to have claims attached.

- (ii) if the application had been made more than 5 years after the treatment had been provided the application is governed by the *MRCA Treatment Principles* as varied by this instrument;

Note: this means the application will be assessed under late-lodgement guidelines.

- (2) Where, under [2](b) and [2](d), a document setting out a fee is incorporated into the *MRCA Treatment Principles* on 1 November 2009 and 1 May 2010 respectively, then for the periods 1 November 2009 to 1 May 2010 and 1 May 2010 to the commencement date in [2](a) (day after registration), only that part of the document that sets an increased fee applies, and on the commencement date in [2](a), the remainder of the document applies

#### **[4] Saving**

Despite the omission of the Schedule 3 by paragraph 26, the documents in that Schedule entitled “RAP National Schedule of Equipment” and “Rehabilitation Appliances Program (RAP) National Guidelines” in force on 1 September 2008 remain incorporated in the *MRCA Treatment Principles* until 1 September 2010.

- [5]** A term in [2], [3] or [4] that is defined in the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* (Act) or in the *MRCA Treatment Principles* (Principles) under paragraph 286 (1)(a) of the Act, has the same meaning it has in the Act or the Principles, as the case may be.

### **Schedule**

#### **1. Paragraph 1.4.1 (definitions) and wherever else occurring**

*omit:*

in force on the date in Schedule 3

*substitute:*

in force on the date in Schedule 1

**2. Paragraph 1.4.1 (definition of “in force on the date in Schedule 3”)**

*omit (wherever occurring):*

Schedule 3

*substitute:*

Schedule 1

**3. Paragraph 1.4.1 (definitions)**

*omit definition of dental schedules*

*omit definition of Fee Schedule*

*omit definition of Notes for Local Medical Officers*

*omit definition of Notes for Providers of Optometric Services  
/Dispensers of Optical Appliances*

*omit definition of Pricing Schedule for Visual Aids*

*insert:*

**“Contracted Day Procedure Centre”** means premises:

- (a) at which any patient is admitted and discharged on the same day for medical, surgical or other treatment; and
- (b) operated by a person contracted to the *Commission*, the *Repatriation Commission* or the *Department* in respect of treatment provided at the premises to *entitled persons*;

but does not include any of the following premises:

- (c) premises conducted by or on behalf of the State;
- (d) a public hospital or health service under the control of a public health organisation;
- (e) a *private hospital*;
- (f) a nursing home;
- (g) a residential rehabilitation establishment.

**“Day Procedure Centre”** means premises that would be *Contracted Day Procedure Centre* premises if the operator of the premises was contracted to the *Commission*, the *Repatriation Commission* or the *Department*.

**“DVA document”** means a document prepared in the *Department* and available on the Internet at:

<http://www.dva.gov.au/Pages/home.aspx>

**“Notes for Chiropractors”** means the document approved by the *Commission* or a member thereof, the *Repatriation Commission* or a member thereof, or by the Secretary to the *Department*, entitled “Notes for Chiropractors”, and *in force on the date in Schedule 1*, that sets out the terms on which, and the conditions subject to which, a chiropractor is to provide treatment to an *entitled person* in order for the *Commission* to accept financial responsibility for that treatment.

**“Notes for Diabetes Educators”** means the document approved by the *Commission* or a member thereof, the *Repatriation Commission* or a member thereof, or by the Secretary to the *Department*, entitled “Notes for Diabetes Educators”, and *in force on the date in Schedule 1*, that sets out the terms on which, and the conditions subject to which, a *diabetes educator* is to provide treatment to an *entitled person* in order for the *Commission* to accept financial responsibility for that treatment.

**“Notes for Dietitians”** means the document approved by the *Commission* or a member thereof, the *Repatriation Commission* or a member thereof, or by the Secretary to the *Department*, entitled “Notes for Dietitians”, and *in force on the date in Schedule 1*, that sets out the terms on which, and the conditions subject to which, a dietitian is to provide treatment to an *entitled person* in order for

the *Commission* to accept financial responsibility for that treatment.

**“Notes for Exercise Physiologists”** means the document approved by the *Commission* or a member thereof, the *Repatriation Commission* or a member thereof, or by the Secretary to the *Department*, entitled “Notes for Exercise Physiologists”, and *in force on the date in Schedule 1*, that sets out the terms on which, and the conditions subject to which, an exercise physiologist is to provide treatment to an *entitled person* in order for the *Commission* to accept financial responsibility for that treatment.

**“Notes for Local Dental Officers”** means the document approved by the *Commission* or a member thereof, the *Repatriation Commission* or a member thereof, or by the Secretary to the *Department*, entitled “Notes for Local Dental Officers”, and *in force on the date in Schedule 1*, that sets out the terms on which, and the conditions subject to which, a *dentist* or *dental specialist* is to provide treatment to an *entitled person* in order for the *Commission* to accept financial responsibility for that treatment.

**“Notes for Local Medical Officers”** means the document:

- (i) approved by the *Commission* or a member thereof, the *Repatriation Commission* or a member thereof, or by the Secretary to the *Department*, entitled “Notes for Local Medical Officers”; and
- (ii) *in force on the date in Schedule 1*; and
- (iii) that sets out the terms on which, and the conditions subject to which, a *LMO* is to provide treatment to an *entitled person* in order for the *Commission* to accept financial responsibility for that treatment, except those parts of the document that deal with the formation of a contractual relationship between a *LMO* and the *Commission* or the *Department*.

Note: the intention is that the treatment provided by a Local Medical Officer (LMO) to an *entitled person* may be regarded as having been provided in accordance with the *Principles* and the “Notes for Local Medical Officers” despite the LMO not entering into any arrangement with the *Commission* or the *Department* as required by the Notes (without the parts mentioned above omitted). See: paragraph 5.3 of the Notes for Local Medical Officers.

**“Notes for Occupational Therapists”** means the document approved by the *Commission* or a member thereof, the *Repatriation Commission* or a member thereof, or by the Secretary to the *Department*, entitled “Notes for Occupational Therapists”, and *in force on the date in Schedule 1*, that sets out the terms on which, and the conditions subject to which, an occupational therapist is to provide treatment to an *entitled person* in order for the *Commission* to accept financial responsibility for that treatment.

**“Notes for Osteopaths”** means the document approved by the *Commission* or a member thereof, the *Repatriation Commission* or a member thereof, or by the Secretary to the *Department*, entitled “Notes for Osteopaths”, and *in force on the date in Schedule 1*, that sets out the terms on which, and the conditions subject to which, an osteopath is to provide treatment to an *entitled person* in order for the *Commission* to accept financial responsibility for that treatment.

**“Notes for Physiotherapists”** means the document approved by the *Commission* or a member thereof, the *Repatriation Commission* or a member thereof, or by the Secretary to the *Department*, entitled “Notes for Physiotherapists”, and *in force on the date in Schedule 1*, that sets out the terms on which, and the conditions subject to which, a physiotherapist is to provide treatment to an *entitled person* in order for the *Commission* to accept financial responsibility for that treatment.

**“Notes for Psychologists”** means the document approved by the *Commission* or a member thereof, the *Repatriation Commission* or a member thereof, or by the Secretary to the *Department*, entitled “Notes for Psychologists”, and *in force on the date in Schedule 1*, that sets out the terms on which, and the conditions subject to which, a psychologist is to provide treatment to an *entitled person* in order for the *Commission* to accept financial responsibility for that treatment.

**“Notes for Podiatrists”** means the document approved by the *Commission* or a member thereof, the *Repatriation Commission* or a member thereof, or by the Secretary to the *Department*, entitled “Notes for Podiatrists”, and *in force on the date in Schedule 1*, that sets out the terms on which, and the conditions subject to which, a podiatrist is to provide treatment to an *entitled person* in order for



the *Commission* to accept financial responsibility for that treatment.

**“Notes for Providers of Optometric Services / Dispensers of Optical Appliances”** means the document approved by the *Commission* or a member thereof, the *Repatriation Commission* or a member thereof, or by the Secretary to the *Department*, entitled “Notes for Providers of Optometric Services / Dispensers of Optical Appliances”, and *in force on the date in Schedule 1*, that sets out the terms on which, and the conditions subject to which an optometrist, and an optical dispenser, are to provide treatment to an *entitled person* in order for the *Commission* to accept financial responsibility for that treatment.

**“Notes for Speech Pathologists”** means the document approved by the *Commission* or a member thereof, the *Repatriation Commission* or a member thereof, or by the Secretary to the *Department*, entitled “Notes for Speech Pathologists”, and *in force on the date in Schedule 1*, that sets out the terms on which, and the conditions subject to which, a speech pathologist is to provide treatment to an *entitled person* in order for the *Commission* to accept financial responsibility for that treatment.

**“Tier 1 Hospital”** means a hospital in the category described as Tier 1 in 2.1 of the *MPPPs*.

**4. Paragraph 1.4.1 (definition of MRCA Access Payment)**

*omit:*

the *Fee Schedule* for *LMO* treatment services

*substitute:*

the *DVA document* entitled “Department of Veterans’ Affairs Fee Schedules for Medical Services”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1*,

**5. Paragraph 3.5.1**

*omit the paragraph, substitute:*

**3.5.1** The extent of the financial liability accepted by the *Commission* for the provision of treatment to an *entitled person* by a *health care provider* is as follows:

(1) for fees charged by:

- (a) a chiropractor — the amount worked out under the *DVA document* entitled “Chiropractors Schedule of Fees”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1*, on condition that the treatment was provided in accordance with the *Principles* and the *Notes for Chiropractors*;
- (b) a dentist (Local Dental Officer) — the amount worked out under the *DVA document* entitled “Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dentists and Dental Specialists”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1*, on condition that the treatment was provided in accordance with the *Principles* and the *Notes for Local Dental Officers*;
- (c) a dental prosthetist — the amount worked out under the *DVA document* entitled “Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dental Prosthetists”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1*, on condition that the treatment was provided in accordance with the *Principles*;
- (d) a dental specialist — the amount worked out under the *DVA document* entitled “Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dentists and Dental Specialists”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1*, on condition that the treatment was provided in accordance with the *Principles* and the *Notes for Local Dental Officers*;
- (e) a diabetes educator — the amount worked out under the *DVA document* entitled “Diabetes Educators Schedule of Fees”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1*, on condition that the treatment was provided in accordance with the *Principles* and the *Notes for Diabetes Educators*;
- (f) a dietitian — the amount worked out under the *DVA document* entitled “Dietitians Schedule of Fees”, *in*

*force on the date in Schedule 1, on condition that the treatment was provided in accordance with the Principles and the Notes for Dietitians;*

- (g) an exercise physiologist — the amount worked out under the *DVA document* entitled “Exercise Physiologists Schedule of Fees”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1*, on condition that the treatment was provided in accordance with the *Principles* and the *Notes for Exercise Physiologists*;
- (h) a LMO — the amount worked out under the *DVA document* entitled “Department of Veterans’ Affairs Fee Schedules for Medical Services”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1*, pursuant to the following parts of that document:

Chronic Pain Honorarium Fees;  
Clinical Note Fees;  
Compensation Consultation Fees;  
Diagnostic Imaging Fee Schedule  
Dose Administration Aid (DAA) Service Fees for GPs and LMOs;  
Guide to the Assessment of Rates of Veterans’ Pensions (GARP) Fee;  
Kilometre Allowance;  
Local Medical Officers (LMOs) Fee Schedule;  
Medication Review Fees;  
Pathology Fee Schedule;  
Ready Reckoner for LMOs  
Relative Value Guide Fee Schedule;  
Repatriation Medical Fee Schedule;

on condition that the treatment was provided in accordance with the *Principles* and the *Notes for Local Medical Officers*;

- (i) a medical specialist — the amount worked out under the *DVA document* entitled “Department of Veterans’ Affairs Fee Schedules for Medical Services”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1*, pursuant to the following parts of that document:

Chronic Pain Honorarium Fees;  
Clinical Note Fees;  
Compensation Consultation Fees;  
Diagnostic Imaging Fee Schedule  
Dose Administration Aid (DAA) Service Fees for GPs and LMOs;  
Guide to the Assessment of Rates of Veterans’ Pensions (GARP) Fee;  
Kilometre Allowance;  
Medication Review Fees;

Pathology Fee Schedule;  
Ready Reckoner for LMOs  
Relative Value Guide Fee Schedule;  
Repatriation Medical Fee Schedule;

on condition that the treatment was provided in accordance with the *Principles*;

- (j) an occupational therapist — the amount worked out under the *DVA document* entitled “Occupational Therapists Schedule of Fees”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1*, on condition that the treatment was provided in accordance with the *Principles* and the *Notes for Occupational Therapists*;
- (k) an optical dispenser of visual aids — the amount worked out under the *DVA document* entitled “Pricing Schedule for Visual Aids”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1*, on condition that the treatment was provided in accordance with the *Principles* and the *Notes for Providers of Optometric Services/Dispensers of Optical Appliances*;
- (l) an optometrist — the amount worked out under the *DVA document* entitled “Optometrist Fees for Consultation”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1*, on condition that the treatment was provided in accordance with the *Principles* and the *Notes for Providers of Optometric Services/Dispensers of Optical Appliances*;
- (m) an orthoptist — the amount worked out under the *DVA document* entitled “DVA Schedule of Fees Orthoptists”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1*, on condition that the treatment was provided in accordance with the *Principles*;
- (n) an osteopath — the amount worked out under the *DVA document* entitled “Osteopaths Schedule of Fees”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1*, on condition that the treatment was provided in accordance with the *Principles* and the *Notes for Osteopaths*;

- (o) an other GP — the amount worked out under the *Notes for Local Medical Officers* in respect of an *other GP*;
- (p) a physiotherapist — the amount worked out under the *DVA document* entitled “Physiotherapists Schedule of Fees”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1*, on condition that the treatment was provided in accordance with the *Principles* and the *Notes for Physiotherapists*;
- (q) a podiatrist — the amount worked out under the *DVA document* entitled “Podiatrists Schedule of Fees”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1*, on condition that the treatment was provided in accordance with the *Principles* and the *Notes for Podiatrists*;
- (r) a psychologist — the amount worked out under the *DVA document* entitled “Psychologists Schedule of Fees”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1*, on condition that the treatment was provided in accordance with the *Principles* and the *Notes for Psychologists*;
- (s) a social worker — the amount worked out under the *DVA document* entitled “Social Workers Schedule of Fees”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1*, on condition that the treatment was provided in accordance with the *Principles*;
- (t) a social worker (clinical counsellor) — the amount worked out under the *DVA document* entitled “Clinical Counsellors Schedule of Fees”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1*, on condition that the treatment was provided in accordance with the *Principles*;
- (u) a speech pathologist — the amount worked out under the *DVA document* entitled “Speech Pathologists Schedule of Fees”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1*, on condition that the treatment was provided in accordance with the *Principles* and the *Notes for Speech Pathologists*;

except where the *Commission*, having regard to the matters specified in paragraph 3.2.2, is satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances justifying payment of a higher fee.

6. **Paragraphs 3.5.1A.1, 3.5.1A.2 and 3.5.1A.3**

*omit the paragraphs.*

7. **Paragraph 3.5.2(b)**

*omit:*

health provider

*substitute:*

health care provider

8. **Paragraph 3.5.2(c)(iii)**

*omit:*

6 months

*substitute:*

5 years

8A. **Paragraph 3.5.2A**

*omit:*

6 months

*substitute:*

5 years

9. **Paragraph 4.3.1**

*at the end, insert as a note:*

Note: Principle 3.5.1 also deals with financial liability for medical practitioner fees.

10. **Paragraph 4.8.1 (j)**

*omit.*

11. **Paragraph 5.1.1**

*omit:*

approved by the *Commission* or the *Department* and entitled *Notes for Local Dental Officers* and in force on the date in Schedule 3 for this document

*substitute:*

entitled *Notes for Local Dental Officers*

12. **Paragraph 5.1.2**

*omit, substitute:*

**5.1.2** The *Commission* will accept financial responsibility for dental treatment provided to an *entitled person* in a *Tier 1 Hospital* or *Contracted Day Procedure Centre* without the need for *prior approval*.

**5.1.2A** Except in an emergency, the *Commission's prior approval* is required before dental treatment is provided to an *entitled person* in a hospital other than a *Tier 1 Hospital* or on premises other than a *Contracted Day Procedure Centre* unless the "Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dentists and Dental Specialists" or the "Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dental Prosthetists" provides that *prior approval* is not required for the treatment.

*at the end of the paragraph, insert:*

Note: the *Notes for Local Dental Officers*, the "Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dentists and Dental Specialists" and the "Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dental Prosthetists", as incorporated-by-reference into the *Principles*, could be relevant to dental treatment provided to an *entitled person* in a hospital.

13. **Paragraphs 5.2.1 - 5.2.4 (inclusive)**

*omit, substitute:*

**5.2.1** The *DVA document* entitled “Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dentists and Dental Specialists”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1*, and comprised of Dental Schedules A, B and C, lists the dental services provided by *dentists*, or *dental specialists*, for which the *Commission* will accept financial responsibility, when provided to an *entitled person*, and sets out the limits of that financial responsibility.

**5.2.2** The *DVA document* entitled “Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dental Prosthetists”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1*, lists the dental services provided by *dental prosthetists* for which the *Commission* will accept financial responsibility, when provided to an *entitled person*, and sets out the limits of that financial responsibility.

**5.2.3** Dental Schedule C in 5.2.1 imposes a monetary limit (annual monetary limit) in respect of dental services provided to an *entitled person* under that Schedule in a Calendar year.

**5.2.4** Subject to 5.1.2 and 5.1.2A (treatment in *Tier 1 Hospital/Contracted Day Procedure Centre*), where a Schedule in 5.2.1 or 5.2.2 specifies a need for *prior approval* in respect of a service, the *Commission* is not to accept financial liability for the service unless it has granted *prior approval* or retrospective approval for the service.

14. **Paragraph 5.2.5**

*omit:*

paragraph 5.2.2

*substitute:*

Dental Schedule C in 5.2.1

15. **Paragraphs 5.3.2 and 5.3.4**

*omit the paragraphs, substitute:*



**5.3.2** A person who holds a *Gold Card* will be provided with the following dental services:

- (a) for treatment of an injury or disease that is not a service injury or a service disease:
  - (i) the dental services listed in Schedules A, B and C of the *DVA document* entitled “Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dentists and Dental Specialists”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1* — on condition the services are provided in accordance with those Schedules;

Note: Schedule C imposes an annual monetary limit.

- (ii) the dental services listed in the *DVA document* entitled “Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dental Prosthetists”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1* — on condition the services are provided in accordance with that Schedule.
- (b) for treatment of a service injury or service disease:
  - (i) the dental services listed in Schedules A, B and C of the *DVA document* entitled “Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dentists and Dental Specialists”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1* — on condition the services are provided in accordance with those Schedules (but without the annual monetary limit in the Schedule C);
  - (ii) the dental services listed in the *DVA document* entitled “Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dental Prosthetists”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1* — on condition the services are provided in accordance with that Schedule.

**5.3.3** A person who holds a *White Card* is entitled to dental treatment of a service injury or service disease and will be provided with:

- (a) the dental services listed in the *DVA document* entitled “Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dentists and Dental Specialists”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1*

— on condition the services are provided in accordance with that Schedule; and

Note: Schedule C of the Fee Schedule imposes an annual monetary limit

- (b) the dental services listed in the *DVA document* entitled “Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dental Prosthetists”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1* — on condition the services are provided in accordance with that Schedule.

16. **Paragraph 5.4.1**

*omit, substitute:*

**5.4.1** *Prior Approval* is not necessary for emergency dental treatment provided to an *entitled person* where the treatment is provided in accordance with:

- (a) the *Principles*;
- (b) the “Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dentists and Dental Specialists”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1*;
- (c) the “Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dental Prosthetists”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1*; and
- (d) the *Notes for Local Dental Officers*;

as those documents relate to the treatment, but the *Commission’s* retrospective approval for the treatment must be sought as soon as possible after the treatment is provided and approval must be granted if the *Commission* is to accept financial liability for the emergency dental treatment.

Note: Schedule C of the “Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dentists and Dental Specialists” imposes an annual monetary limit

17. **Paragraph 5.6.1**

*omit, substitute:*

**5.6.1** Financial responsibility for a general anaesthetic provided as part of dental treatment will be accepted only if:

- (a) the anaesthetic is administered by a specialist anaesthetist or approved medical practitioner in a hospital, *Day Procedure Centre* or dental surgery where adequate resuscitation equipment is provided; and
- (b) unless the anaesthetic is administered in a *Tier 1 Hospital* or *Contracted Day Procedure Centre* — *prior approval* has been obtained.

18. **Paragraphs 7.1A.1 and 7.1A.2**

*omit the paragraphs.*

19. **Paragraph 7.1A.3**

*omit the paragraph, substitute:*

**7.1A.1** In order for the *Commission* to accept financial liability for treatment provided to an *entitled person* by a *health care provider* in Column A below, the treatment must have been provided in accordance with the terms and conditions in the corresponding document described in Column B below:

**Column A**

**Column B**

Chiropractor	Notes for Chiropractors
<i>diabetes educator</i>	Notes for Diabetes Educators
Dietitian	Notes for Dietitians
exercise physiologist	Notes for Exercise Physiologists
occupational therapist	Notes for Occupational Therapists
optical dispenser optometrist	Notes for Providers of Optometric Services /Dispensers of Optical Appliances
Osteopath	Notes for Osteopaths
Physiotherapist	Notes for Physiotherapists
Podiatrist	Notes for Podiatrists
Psychologist	Notes for Psychologists
speech pathologist	Notes for Speech Pathologists

20. **Paragraph 7.4.3 (excluding the Note)**

*omit:*

Pricing Schedule for Visual Aids

*substitute:*

*DVA document* entitled “Pricing Schedule for Visual Aids”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1*

21. **Paragraph 11.2A.1**

*omit:*

documents

*insert:*

*DVA documents*

*omit (wherever occurring):*

in force on the date in Schedule 3 for this document

*substitute:*

*in force on the date in Schedule 1*

22. **Paragraph 11.4.2**

*omit:*

Pricing Schedule for Visual Aids

*substitute:*

*DVA document* entitled “Pricing Schedule for Visual Aids”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1*

23. **Paragraph 11.4.3**

*omit:*

Pricing Schedule for Visual Aids

*substitute:*

*DVA document* entitled “Pricing Schedule for Visual Aids”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1,*

24. **Paragraph 11.4.6**

*omit:*

Pricing Schedule for Visual Aids,

*substitute:*

*DVA document* entitled “Pricing Schedule for Visual Aids”, *in force on the date in Schedule 1,*

25. **Schedule 1 (Heading)**

*omit the words:*

Schedule 1

26. **Schedules 2 and 3**

*omit, substitute:*

<b>SCHEDULE 1 DATES FOR INCORPORATED DOCUMENTS</b>
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**PART 1**

The date for :

1. Notes for Local Medical Officers (paragraph 1.4.1);
2. Department of Veterans’ Affairs Fee Schedules for Medical Services (paragraph 3.5.1);
3. Notes for Providers of Optometric Services/Dispensers of Optical Appliances (paragraphs 1.4.1 and 7.1A.1);
4. Optometrist Fees for Consultation (paragraph 3.5.1);

5. DVA Schedule of Fees Orthoptists (paragraph 3.5.1);
6. Pricing Schedule for visual aids (paragraph 3.5.1);
7. ...
8. Notes for Local Dental Officers (paragraphs 1.4.1 and 5.1.1);
9. Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dentists and Dental Specialists (paragraph 3.5.1);
10. Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dental Prosthetists (paragraph 3.5.1);
11. Notes for Chiropractors (paragraphs 1.4.1 and 7.1A.1);
12. Chiropractors Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
13. Notes for Diabetes Educators (paragraphs 1.4.1 and 7.1A.1);
14. Diabetes Educators Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
15. Notes for Dietitians (paragraphs 1.4.1 and 7.1A.1);
16. Dietitians Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
17. Notes for Exercise Physiologists (paragraphs 1.4.1 and 7.1A.1);
18. Exercise Physiologists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
19. Notes for Occupational Therapists (paragraphs 1.4.1 and 7.1A.1);
20. Occupational Therapists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
21. Notes for Osteopaths (paragraphs 1.4.1 and 7.1A.1);
22. Osteopaths Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
23. Notes for Physiotherapists (paragraphs 1.4.1 and 7.1A.1);
24. Physiotherapists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);

25. Notes for Psychologists (paragraphs 1.4.1 and 7.1A.1);
26. Psychologists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
27. Notes for Podiatrists (paragraphs 1.4.1 and 7.1A.1);
28. Podiatrists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
29. Social Workers Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
30. Clinical Counsellors Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
31. Notes for Speech Pathologists (paragraphs 1.4.1 and 7.1A.1);
32. Speech Pathologists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);

is 1 November 2009.

#### **26A. Schedule 1 Dates for Incorporated Documents**

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<b>SCHEDULE 1 DATES FOR INCORPORATED DOCUMENTS</b>
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#### **PART 1**

The date for :

1. Notes for Local Medical Officers (paragraph 1.4.1);
2. Department of Veterans' Affairs Fee Schedules for Medical Services (paragraph 3.5.1);
3. Notes for Providers of Optometric Services/Dispensers of Optical Appliances (paragraphs 1.4.1 and 7.1A.1);
4. Optometrist Fees for Consultation (paragraph 3.5.1);
5. DVA Schedule of Fees Orthoptists (paragraph 3.5.1);
6. Pricing Schedule for visual aids (paragraph 3.5.1);

7. The fourth edition of the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (commonly known as DSM-IV) (paragraph 2.4.2A);
8. Notes for Local Dental Officers (paragraphs 1.4.1 and 5.1.1);
9. Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dentists and Dental Specialists (paragraph 3.5.1);
10. Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dental Prosthetists (paragraph 3.5.1);
11. Notes for Chiropractors (paragraphs 1.4.1 and 7.1A.1);
12. Chiropractors Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
13. Notes for Diabetes Educators (paragraphs 1.4.1 and 7.1A.1);
14. Diabetes Educators Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
15. Notes for Dietitians (paragraphs 1.4.1 and 7.1A.1);
16. Dietitians Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
17. Notes for Exercise Physiologists (paragraphs 1.4.1 and 7.1A.1);
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25. Notes for Psychologists (paragraphs 1.4.1 and 7.1A.1);
26. Psychologists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
27. Notes for Podiatrists (paragraphs 1.4.1 and 7.1A.1);
28. Podiatrists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
29. Social Workers Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
30. Clinical Counsellors Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
31. Notes for Speech Pathologists (paragraphs 1.4.1 and 7.1A.1);
32. Speech Pathologists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1).

is 1 May 2010.

## **PART 2**

The date for :

1. RAP National Schedule of Equipment (paragraph 11.2A.1);
2. Rehabilitation Appliances Program (RAP) National Guidelines (paragraph 11.2A.1);

is 1 November 2010.

### **27. Renumbering**

The numbering of provisions in Part 5 and in any other part of the *MRCA Treatment Principles* affected by this instrument is to be sequential and cross-references in provisions are to correspond.