



Australian Government

Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004

MRCA Treatment Principles (Residential Care Classification) Amendment Instrument 2014

Instrument 2014 No. MRCC 25

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

Dated this 26th day of June 2014

Michael Ronaldson.....

MICHAEL RONALDSON

The Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission, by its delegates, pursuant to section 286(2) of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* (the Act), and in accordance with the Schedule, varies the instrument made under section 286(1) of the Act known as the *MRCA Treatment Principles* (Instrument 2013 No. MRCC 53).

Dated this 24th day of June 2014

The Seal of the
Military Rehabilitation
and Compensation Commission)
was affixed hereto in the)SEAL
presence of:)

Simon Lewis

Jennifer Collins

Major General Mark Kelly

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SIMON LEWIS

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CHAIR AND DELEGATE

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Name

[1] This instrument is the *MRCA Treatment Principles (Residential Care Classification) Amendment Instrument 2014*.

Commencement

[2] This instrument commences, or is taken to have commenced, on 1 July 2014.

Schedule

1. Paragraph 1.4.1 (definitions)

insert:

“Classification Principles 2014” means the legislative instrument of that name made under section 96-1 of the *Aged Care Act 1997*.

“Quality of Care Principles 2014” means the legislative instrument of that name made under section 96-1 of the *Aged Care Act 1997*.

“residential care (consisting of at least one high or two medium domain categories)” means the care or service provided to a person in *residential care* who is a person described in paragraph 7(6)(a) of the *Quality of Care Principles 2014*.

Note (1): a person described in paragraph 7(6)(a) of the *Quality of Care Principles 2014* is a care recipient in *residential care* whose classification level under the *Classification Principles 2014* includes any of the following:

- (i) high ADL domain category;
- (ii) high CHC domain category;
- (iii) high behaviour domain category;
- (iv) a medium domain category in at least 2 domains.

These categories are worked out under the *Classification Principles 2014*.

Note (2) a person described in paragraph 7(6)(a) of the *Quality of Care Principles 2014* may be provided with care and services specified in Part 1, 2 or 3 of Schedule 1 of the *Quality of Care Principles 2014*.

“residential care facility” means a facility in which *residential care* is provided to a person.

2. Paragraph 1.4.1 (definition of “high level of residential care”)

omit.

3. Paragraph 1.4.1 (definition of “high level of residential care (respite)”)

substitute:

“high level of residential care (respite)”, in relation to a person, means that under the *Classification Principles 2014* the classification level for the person as a care recipient being provided with *residential care* as respite care is “high level residential respite care”.

Note: see section 7 and section 11(2) of the *Classification Principles 2014* and paragraph 7(6)(b) of the *Quality of Care Principles 2014*.

4. Paragraph 1.4.1 (definition of “low level of residential care”)

omit.

5. Paragraph 1.4.1 (definition of “veterans’ supplement” – Note (2))

substitute:

Note (2): the *Subsidy Principles* under the *Aged Care Act 1997* may specify, in respect of a veterans’ supplement, the circumstances in which the supplement will apply to a care recipient in respect of a payment period.

6. Paragraph 7.1.3

substitute:

7.1.3 Subject to 7.5.3 (physiotherapy), 7.6.2 (podiatry) and 7.6A.2 (diabetes educator services), the *Commission* will not accept financial responsibility for services listed in paragraph 7.1.2 for an *entitled person* receiving *residential care* if the person is a person described in paragraph 7(6)(a) of the *Quality of Care Principles 2014*.

Note (1): a person described in paragraph 7(6)(a) of the *Quality of Care Principles 2014* is a care recipient in *residential care* whose classification level under the *Classification Principles 2014* includes any of the following:

- (i) high ADL domain category;
- (ii) high CHC domain category;
- (iii) high behaviour domain category;
- (iv) a medium domain category in at least 2 domains.

These categories are worked out under the *Classification Principles 2014*.

Note (2): a person described in paragraph 7(6)(a) of the *Quality of Care Principles 2014* may be provided with care and services specified in Part 1, 2 or 3 of Schedule 1 of the *Quality of Care Principles 2014*.

Note (3): a person described in paragraph 7(6)(a) of the *Quality of Care Principles 2014* may be provided physiotherapy, podiatry and diabetes educator services if *prior approval* is obtained.

7. Paragraph 7.5.3

omit:

an *entitled person* classified as a high care patient in a residential aged care facility

substitute:

an *entitled person* receiving *residential care (consisting of at least one high or two medium domain categories)* in a residential care facility

8. Paragraph 7.6.2

omit:

an *entitled person* given a *high level of residential care*

substitute:

an *entitled person* receiving *residential care (consisting of at least one high or two medium domain categories)*

9. Paragraph 7.6A.2

omit:

an *entitled person* given a *high level of residential care*

substitute:

an *entitled person* receiving *residential care (consisting of at least one high or two medium domain categories)*

9A. Paragraph 10.2.1

omit:

is receiving a high level of residential care

substitute:

is receiving *residential care (consisting of at least one high or two medium domain categories)*

10. Schedule 1

substitute:

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| SCHEDULE 1 DATES FOR INCORPORATED DOCUMENTS |
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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 Allied Health Providers (paragraphs 3.5.1 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. Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dentists and Dental Specialists (paragraph 3.5.1);
8. Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dental Prosthetists (paragraph 3.5.1);
9. Chiropractors Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
10. Diabetes Educators Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
11. Dietitians Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
12. Exercise Physiologists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
13. Occupational Therapists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
14. Osteopaths Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
15. Physiotherapists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
16. Psychologists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
17. Podiatrists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);

18. Social Workers Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
19. Clinical Counsellors Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
20. Speech Pathologists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
21. Australian Government Department of Veterans' Affairs Classification System and Schedule of Item Numbers and Fees — Community Nursing Services (paragraph 6A.4.2(b));
22. Notes for Coordinated Veterans' Care Program Providers (Part 6A);
23. Rehabilitation Appliances Program (RAP) National Guidelines (paragraph 11.2A.1);
24. RAP National Schedule of Equipment (paragraph 11.2A.1);
25. Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Services (VVCS) Outreach Program Counsellors (OPC) Provider Notes (paragraph 1.4.1 and 7.1A.1);
26. Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (VVCS) Outreach Program Counsellors (OPC) Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
27. General information about VVCS – Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (paragraph 1.4.1);
28. Better Access to Psychiatrists, Psychologists & General Practitioners through the Medical Benefits Schedule Initiative:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/mentalhealth/publishing.nsf/Content/better-access-through-mbs-1>;
29. Gold Card (paragraph 1.4.1);
30. White Card (paragraph 1.4.1);

is 1 July 2014.