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Dear Mr James,

The Department has received a report from Dr Hickey advising that you have been diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

You are now eligible to receive hospital and medical treatment at the expense of this department for *Post Traumatic Stress Disorder*.

This entitlement does not imply acceptance of this condition as a service related disability, nor does it carry any rights to pension or other payments at this time.

This entitlement is independent of the recent decision, which determined that the above condition is not service related and is not affected by the outcome of that decision.

This Repatriation benefit does not affect your "Medicare" entitlements, and you may use that scheme when obtaining treatment if you wish.

As the benefit is effective from 2 December 2011 the Department will consider refunding reasonable medical and travel related expenses incurred in treatment of the condition since that date, if you cannot recover them from other sources; eg. "Medicare" or a hospital benefits organisation.

To claim a refund please complete the enclosed application forms and return to this office, attaching original receipts and/or Medicare or hospital benefits statements.

Further treatment should be arranged or obtained through a local doctor of your choice. You are entitled to attend a Local Medical Officer outside your local area, however, the Department can only consider reimbursing travelling expenses to the Local Medical Officer nearest your place of residence.

As a white Repatriation Health card holder, your Local Medical Officer may now also arrange admission to any public hospital, or any similarly classified private hospital contracted to the Department with prior financial authorisation if required for treatment of this condition.

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Unless the treatment provided falls within the authority of the Local Medical Officer or has been authorised by the Department, it cannot accept responsibility for hospital and medical expenses incurred by you.

In your own interest, you should always ensure that your Local Medical Officer has the necessary authority to provide or arrange treatment for you.

Treatment for this condition at departmental expense is not available outside Australia and its Territories.

Yours sincerely



Jeff Bergroth
Delegate of the Repatriation Commission

Enclosures:

Form: D800 Claim for Travelling Expenses
Form: D1181 Claim for Refund of Medical Expenses
Fact Sheet: HSV67 PTSD Benefits

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