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Approval of Health Care for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder

Dear CJU,

I am writing to advise you that you are eligible to receive treatment funded by the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) for posttraumatic stress disorder.

The effective date of this decision is 26 February 2015, which is three months prior to the lodgement of your application. If you have paid for treatment between the date of effect and the date of this letter, you can seek reimbursement of any reasonable treatment expenses incurred. An Application for Refund of Payment of Medical Expenses Privately Incurred form (D1181) is enclosed.

Repatriation Health Card – For Specific Conditions (White Card)

Your existing White Card eligibility will be updated to include treatment for. Please present your card to your treating doctor or specialist when receiving treatment for your condition and the Department will then be billed directly.

Hospital Admission

Hospital treatment for this condition is also covered. Should it become necessary for you to be hospitalised for this condition, your doctor or specialist will arrange for you to be admitted to either a public hospital or a contracted private hospital as a private patient in a shared ward.

Travelling Expenses

You can claim reasonable travel costs incurred for attending approved medical treatment of your condition. For further information please consult the enclosed Factsheet HSV02 Claiming Travelling Expenses under the Repatriation Transport Scheme. A Claim for Travelling Expenses (D800) form is available on the DVA website (www.dva.gov.au).

Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (VVCS)

Members of the veteran and ex-serving community and their families, who are experiencing service-related mental health and wellbeing conditions, can seek help from the Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (VVCS). Free and confidential, VVCS offers individual, couple and family counselling, after-hours crisis telephone support and group programs. VVCS can help address concerns such as relationship and family issues, anxiety, depression, anger, sleep difficulties, PTSD, and misuse of alcohol or other substances. For help, to learn more, or to check eligibility, call 1800 011 046.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter please phone me on 1300 363 475 x **REDACTED**

Yours sincerely,

Sherry Bunting
Delegate of the Repatriation Commission

Enclosures:

1. D1181 Application for Refund of Payment of Medical Expenses Privately Incurred
2. Factsheet HSV02 Claiming Travelling Expenses under the Repatriation Transport Scheme