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9th November, 2015

Dear **CJU**,

The Department has received a report from Psychiatrist Dr W.C Chiu advising that you have been diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Depressive Disorder and Alcohol Use Disorder.

You are now eligible to receive hospital and medical treatment at the expense of this department for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Depressive Disorder and Alcohol Use Disorder.

Your recently lodged claim to have this condition recognised as being service related is still in progress, and you will be advised of its outcome in due course.

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 26th February 2015 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; e.g. "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 (LMO) outside your local area, however, the Department can only consider reimbursing travelling expenses to the LMO nearest your place of residence.


As a white Repatriation Health card holder, your LMO 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 Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Depressive Disorder and Alcohol Use Disorder.

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



Darren Pace
Claims Manager

Enclosures:

Form: D800	Claim for Travelling Expenses
Form: D1181	Claim for Refund of Medical Expenses
Fact Sheet:	HSV67 PTSD Benefits OR
Fact Sheet:	HSV68 Eligibility for Treatment of Anxiety & Depression