Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Single Treatment Pathway) Bill 2019

Removing the dual treatment pathway model and replacing it with a Single Treatment Pathway

This Bill would see clients under the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004 (MRCA) who currently have their medical treatment for accepted conditions paid for by reimbursement, given a DVA Health Card, so the provider will seek payment directly from the Department of Veterans’ Affairs (DVA).

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Currently, some veterans have to seek reimbursement from DVA for the costs associated with their treatment.

This can put unnecessary financial pressure on veterans, and their families, and may discourage them from seeking treatment they need.

Once the Bill is passed, veterans will be able to use a DVA Health Card to access medical treatment for accepted conditions.

Importantly, it will ease the financial pressure on veterans and their families and ensure they can access treatment more easily.

WHO WILL BENEFIT?

Around 4,000 clients under the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004 (MRCA) who currently have their medical treatment for accepted conditions will immediately benefit.

DATE OF EFFECT?

The changes will start six months after the Royal Assent.