

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding administration of health practitioner registration by the Australian health Practitioners Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

In particular, I am concerned about receiving a lower Medicare rebate rate than 'clinical' psychologists. There is no evidence to support any assertion that clinical psychologists provide a better standard of care or achieve better outcomes than other psychologists. This has unnecessarily created division between psychologists and is tearing the very profession apart.

I am also concerned about psychologists being relegated to the deficiency status of 'un-endorsed' psychologist by the PBA under the auspices of AHPRA, simply because they are not an APS college member. The Australian Psychological Society does not represent even the majority of psychologists within Australia.

I hope that these two issues are changed in the near future.

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