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Dr. Steven Serebnitski

To whom it may concern,

My name is Dr. Steven Serebnitski and I have been deeply affected by the new Chronic Disease Dental Scheme. This is my first involvement in a scheme funded by Medicare or for that matter any other scheme. I have been asked to present certain information in regards to the Scheme, such as providing the cards of 20 randomly selected patients, copy of each patient's treatment and treatment plan, copy of each patient's claim to Medicare and invoices from the laboratory technician for each patient.

There has been extreme backlash due to Medicare keeping patients and most practitioners' blind exact available services and the consequences if one is not to follow Medicare's regulations. It has come not only to my attention, but also to the attention of my colleagues and family of the injustice, which has evolved from Medicare's recent demands. I myself have been through emotional turmoil even though I have always followed the rules of Medicare with all my patients to my knowledge. None of my patients had been or reported to be adversely affected or disadvantaged, since I always complied with the all the regulations of the Scheme. However, this Scheme has caused unnecessary stress to my colleagues and patients as well as my family. I fully stand behind the notion of the Health Insurance (Dental Services) Bill 2012, in order to put a stop to the unfairness of Medicare's actions.

I have sent all the required information to Medicare, but have not yet heard back. I feel as though I have been kept in the dark and put under scrutiny for unnecessary reasons. I hope that the struggles of many dental practitioners will be witnessed and heard.

Kind regards,

Dr. Steven Serebnitski.