

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committees
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Dear Senators,

We the undersigned find it inconceivable that services rendered by our dentist to us in good faith and covered under the Medicare scheme, are now required to be refunded because of minor bureaucratic errors.

The Government/Medicare has justified its attacks on the profession claiming rorting of the system, yet in reality most dentists are being asked to refund ALL fees based SOLELY on paperwork and administrative oversights.

Dentists are being asked to repay tens of thousands of dollars, in some cases hundreds of thousands of dollars for legitimate, and much-needed dental work that was completed under the scheme. Dentists have completed work in good faith, trying to help implement Government initiatives, and have been penalized ridiculous amounts.

Furthermore the demands came after numerous submissions for payment collectively amounting to tens even hundreds of thousands of dollars! One would assume that if the first couple of submissions had a clerical error the dentists would be informed so that the oversight might be corrected in future submissions.

In the interest of fairness and common sense we ask that you reverse the government demands for repayment.

Sincerely,

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