

I contacted one of the companies in Australia which has the legal requirements to supply cannabis to patients in Australia I asked what was the price of an individual product that they listed However they said that their protocol is not to inform potential purchases of the prices involved in paying for their medicine therefore you can not contact a number of suppliers to compare prices as in any other item for sale in this country and world wide

I told them how much I am paying for the medicine now that I receive from another company and they said that they can supply that item cheaper but will not mention the price so I can compare them against each other this is just one company to compare against another I would have liked to contact all 13 suppliers to get the best price for the medicine supplied by them but this is not possible in this country at the moment and it is not fair to the patient seeking to lessen the burden of the costs of their legally prescribed medicine as in all other products

With out the patient having access to the actual prices of all the products legally prescribed to them how can the patient tell which companies are price gouging them or ripping them of in no other legitimate retail of which they are do you agree to pay up front a price that is not disclosed to the customer before a product is agreed upon to purchase this is discrimination against sick people who rely on the medicine and at a fair reasonable price this is unfair and not right in any so many ways by keeping the prices top secret and using the excuse of protocol to hide and deny the patient the normal rights to see and understand and compare the price of a medicine this should be open and all prices should be disclosed

as is any and all other products in the market place no matter what it is sick patients are now literally being ripped of by the underhanded secrecy and non disclosure of the prices of their medicine No other industry would be able to get away with this deception and ripoff as this is exactly what this is The Doctors are asking for 1st visit

250

for the 2nd visit

250

the company supplying the medicine charges

400 for one month

the pharmacy dispensing the medicine charges

50

50

therefor at the moment a sick patient must some how have approximately 1000 dollars to access this medical cannabis which is not GST free nor is it on the PBS

the TGA only gives the patient one chance to obtain a single product from a single supplier without filling in another separate document because of supply difficulties as there is now the Doctor should be able to offer the medicine from a number of suppliers simultaneously for the patient to choose from

there are only a total of 13 suppliers and 8 manufactures for a potential of hundreds of thousands of Australian patients now and apparently in the future

but even with the very small number of Australians at the moment that have been prescribed so far there is already a difficulty and scarcity of the supply of this medicine and people have had to wait due to non continuous supply problems

there needs to be major changes to the so called system as so far it is broken and not working and

patients are missing out on their overpriced medicine

delays dubious excuses deception despicable manipulation of sick Australians relying on a continuous reliable source of their legally prescribed medicine that they rely on

Med leaf Canada 100 Canadian dollars

106 Australian dollars

50 dollars postage

50 to dispense it

206 dollars

compared to 24 mg per ml for 40 ml for 206 dollars 2 drops per day

this is 8mg per ml at 15 ml at 400 at 6 drops per day

and other supply problems in the future as well as now due to the concern that this situation will happen often in the future

as more and more patients from doctors from all over Australia are legally prescribed cannabis medicine

this is not making a medicine available to sick patients but a deceptive restriction and an impossible situation if the numbers of patients are to be expanded to larger numbers than there are now

this is 8mg per ml at 15 ml at 400 at 6 drops per day

this lasts for about 15 days so for 1 full month we are looking at

$2 \times 400 = 800 \times 12 \text{ months equals about } 9600 \text{ per year}$

this far above what Australian patients can afford , and they have enough problems already with their illnesses

and placing this medicine on the PBS would help

these people Now □.....

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