

Subject: medicare CDDS audits

To the Committee regulating Medicare audits of the CDDS,

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to comment on the rules exercised by Medicare which make the dentist financially liable, based on the statements from the patients and GPs in relation to the timing of the treatment plans or/and reports they received from the treating dentist.

I personally regard the system running these rules as undemocratic, un-Australian, highly unjust, unlawful, unfair which might be penalising to the dentist, on the other hand giving an opportunity to the patient and GP {under some circumstances} to execute personal or professional vengeance on the dentist who failed to satisfy their expectations and/or requests which might be dishonest and manipulative. At the same time it leaves dental practitioner totally defenseless, fully dependent on his/her "masters" mood and will or predisposition.

This system reminds me of the communist, stalinist regime where the ordinary citizen's human rights do not count because they are overpowered by the governing cold, inhumane ideology. It reminds me of the system where the ordinary citizen is considered guilty until proven otherwise and where for the ordinary citizen to prove his/her innocence is often hopelessly impossible.

I believe, I have a much fairer, just and democratic idea which makes all parties totally independent on each other on their way to comply with the Medicare rules.

The patient should be the one who carries the burden of the financial liability in case he/she is recipient of any dental treatment without having the valid, current dental treatment plan prior to the commencement of the course of the treatment.

It would be in all parties interest to fully comply with no exceptions.

As it would be in patients interest to start the dental treatment shortly following the referral from GP, he/she would be in full control of the whole bureaucracy being executed at proper times and upon the prescribed conditions.

Thank you for your kind attention

Faithfully yours,

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