

Subject: Medicare treatment of dentists

To senate finance committee,

I am writing to you to complain about how poorly dentists are treated by medicare considering we are seeing patients in good faith & providing good/ethical treatment but minor errors in administrative work we are getting penalised financially in an excessive manner.

We are also bulk billing treatment at a reduced rate to patients for going 15% of fees (fees are already well below normal fee rates)& then the thanks we get is being sluggish with huge admin fees for minor “clerical errors”.We wish a change in the law to give a fairer penalty to dentists if errors are made

Yours faithfully,

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