

To: Committee, FPA (SEN)  
Subject: re CDDS

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am a Queensland dentist who has treated many patients through the CDDS. I have treated these patients in good faith, and the work we have done has been appreciated by the patients and their referring GP's. I do believe in an audit process, but not in the draconian penalties being handed out for administrative non compliances. I am very disturbed that health professionals should be personally liable to refund all fees where issues of compliance are administrative and the fact the work has been done in good faith and to a professional standard is not in dispute. Surely under the same logic any politician reprimanded should repay all salary and allowances as should any civil servant disciplined for any breach of work conditions. Apparently not ? I do not condone the abuse of any system including this one, but would ask that a modicum of sense and reasonableness be brought to bear here. We received very little if any direct advice from Medicare about this system and agreed to participate under requests from referring GP's. I believe a case could be made that the scheme was poorly administered by Medicare, I would be reluctant to support future schemes if these are considered reasonable terms of employment.

yours sincerely

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