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To whom it may concern,

I join my colleagues in the protest against the current Medicare actions against Dentists and Dental Prosthetists, in the dental industry.

I feel that the penalties being imposed are un-proportional to the infringements committed, especially when most of the persons in question have been pulled up for such minor things as failure to comply with paperwork requests. Most of these cases are not dealing with deception and fraud.

Medicare failed to be clear and concise, when the E.P.C. scheme began, and hence many in the dental field were unsure about what exactly was required. Had Medicare been more conscientious about educating the dental and medical fields about precisely what was required, I do not believe we'd be seeing the present actions being taken.

I would urge that Medicare ceases to pursue repayments for services that have been rendered in good faith and have been done well (ie: without deception and fraud). I feel that a warning should be issued and proper education about Medicare's requirements for the EPC scheme. I feel that the whole EPC system needs to be greatly improved in the way it is administered. For example, under normal conditions, as a Dental Prosthetist, we are not required to refer a patient to a dentist before treatment. I think that Medicare needs to come into line with other systems in play, such as Veteran's Affairs and the Victorian Dental Scheme.

NB: The information and my contact details contained in this letter, are not confidential

Yours sincerely,

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