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Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Dental Services) Amendment Bill 2007

On 16 August 2007 the Senate, on the recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee, referred the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Dental Services) Bill 2007 to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 5 September 2007.

The Bill increases access to dental treatment under Medicare for people with chronic conditions and complex care needs. The Bill, Explanatory Memoranda and second reading speech may be accessed via the link: [Legislation and documentation to the inquiry](#)

The Committee invites you to provide a written submission addressing issues that may be of relevance to you. The submission should be lodged by 24 August 2007. The Committee prefers to receive submissions electronically as an attached document – email: community.affairs.sen@aph.gov.au – otherwise by fax (02 6277 5829).

Submissions become Committee documents and are made public only after a decision by the Committee. Publication of submissions includes loading them onto the internet and their being available to other interested parties including the media. Persons making submissions must not release them without the approval of the Committee. Submissions are covered by parliamentary privilege but the unauthorised release of them is not protected.

Information relating to Senate Committee inquiries, including notes to assist in the preparation of submissions for a Committee, can be located on the Internet at http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/wit_sub/index.htm

The Committee intends to hold a public hearing in Canberra on 27 August 2007 subject to submissions received. Should you require further information please contact the Committee Secretariat on (02) 6277 3515.