

Submission on ACC regulated payments for treatment

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Is this an individual submission or on behalf of a business or organisation?

Individual

Do you have a view on the proposed 1.72 percent and 2.05 percent increases to the payments to treatment providers listed in Table 1 in the discussion document? Please provide reasons for your view.

Yes. My view is that the increase percentage is only the equivalent to inflation, but it was last changed a year ago, meaning that when it actually takes effect, it will be well over a year - thus falling behind inflation rate. This has been consistent with previous increases that do not reflect inflation changes over the period between increases. Which means that health providers are consistently getting relative pay drops, or the public are getting increasing health costs.

Do you have a view on the proposal to split out classes of Specified Treatment Providers into the separate classes shown in Table 1 in the discussion document, so payment rates can be differentiated in the future? Please provide reasons for your view.

Personally, I feel that physiotherapists are underpaid when looking at their qualifications and experience. I cannot speak for the other professions.

Do you have a view on the proposed 2.05 percent increase to the payments to Audiologists listed in Table 2 in the discussion document? Please provide reasons for your view.

No

Do you have a view on removing all provisions that require deductions from regulated dental payments? Please provide reasons for your view.

No

Do you have any overall comments that you would like to make on the review or recommendations?

These payments should be annually raised to reflect inflation, rather than the current system.

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