

I have had many years of working in and evaluating health systems. Living in the US for a few years convinced me of the appalling inequity of that system where millions of US citizens are unable to afford health insurance. For those with insurance, should they require hospitalisation, a surgeon, specialist etc it is the insurance company that decides who treats you, which hospital admits you and even if they will honour your claim.

Profit for the insurance company is the bottom line.

I agree Australia's system requires review of inefficiencies.

The Coalition have historically tried to get rid of Medicare (eg. Fraser gov.) GP rebate freeze and \$7 co-payment (Abbott, Turnbull) and a Productivity review. Despite refuting privatisation, making profits is a Coalition mantra and very likely a bottom line for health.

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