

Brief submission

Any contracting out of Medicare/Health Services opens the door to the next level. There has not been a case of former vital government services contracted out that have improved access, service or kept costs down for the consumer. Medicare must remain a universal good in every sense of the word. True, it's payment system is not perfect but it has improved greatly over the past two years. On the other hand the service provided to patients who go into Centrelink to claim Medicare rebates has deteriorated greatly since the amalgamation of the two services.

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