

Medicare has been a unique contribution to the health of all Australians. It is essential that it remain so.

Having experienced working with people with serious mental illness over many years I know many clients would not survive without the assurance of Medicare.

Introducing private providers to replace Medicare will seriously disadvantage those most in need of the service provided.

I strongly urge that Medicare remain as it is at present.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this discussion.

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