

Issues:

1. After an OT Report a modifying/technician was expected to give NDIS 110% certainty that the product will do the job for a client, when the technician could not as not qualified to do so whole attempt to help a disabled person was refused by NDIS.
2. An enhanced focus on Primary Health Care is cost effective & reduces spending in Tertiary Care & contributes to a healthier Australian community yet a lot of plans pay for support not the help with Physical Health issues disabled people need.
3. Those with chronic health problems are more marginalised within the community, living in hardship due to out-of-pocket expenses with these rising by 25% in the last four years (HCCA, 2014 Senate Enquiry).
4. The costs of imaging & pathology is rising so this further creates hardship, barriers to Primary Health Care with pensioners particularly, in time increasing overall costs to the community, creating barriers to accessing appropriate and timely health care.
5. Alternative medicine risen from 3% to 12% per year (ANAO, 2013 ) use of these treatments substantially higher with chronic conditions, (Adams, The Conversation 2014), not accepted for PBS & Medicare, due to lack of local Australian research. Usually essential for chronic pain or health conditions, wellbeing, so need more support & training for allied health.

End of points I will expand on.

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