

I am writing to make a submission as to the inequality of the two tiered medicare system.

I am an experienced forensic psychologist with a Doctoral Degree and eight-years experience in the field.

At present, my clients are within the criminal justice system and have drug addictions, homelessness and mental illness.

Although, I am a recognised specialist in working with these clients, the two tiered medicare system does not recognise me. Instead, if I was a clinical psychologist with no experience working with individuals in the criminal justice system, I would receive a higher rate of pay for working with these clients.

I do not charge my clients a fee and rely solely on the medicare rebate. This is because my clients are often homeless and suffering significant financial hardships. Equality in the rate of pay for the medicare system would allow me to broaden my work with disadvantaged clients and provide additional services.

I am happy to provide further detail or answer any additional questions.

Kind Regards,

Forensic Psychologist