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Dear Ms Kohen,

Inquiry into the Health Insurance Amendment (Compliance Administration) Bill 2020

I refer to your invitation to make a submission to the above Inquiry.

The AMA has discussed the Health Insurance Amendment (Compliance Administration) Bill 2020 with the Department of Health (DoH) on a number of occasions. The DoH has advised that the intent of the proposed change to the Health Insurance Act is to close an apparent loophole that impacts on the administration of compliance laws with respect to electronic claiming of Medicare benefits.

Having reviewed the wording of the Bill our assessment is that it appears consistent with the Department's stated intent and does not involve any change to existing compliance policy or processes.

Yours sincerely

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