

I am writing to address

(e) mental health workforce issues, including:

(i) the two-tiered Medicare rebate system for psychologists,

I submit that Social Workers working under Medicare's Better Access Initiative provide an equivalent service to all other Allied Health Clinicians and should be remunerated at an equivalent rate. My experience working in a group practice with other Social Workers and Psychologists makes it very clear that we have equivalent skills and training to provide FPS.

Regards,

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