

Committee Secretary  
Senate Standing Committees on Community Affairs  
Human Services Amendment (Photographic Identification & Fraud Prevention Bill 2019

I would like the Government to print a full face unobscured identification photo (similar to a Drivers Licence) on Medicare Cards to prevent fraudulent usage. It may be instrumental in saving the Government Health Department a substantial amount of taxpayers money. The Medicare card is often used as an identification so having a full face unobscured photograph can be helpful to people who do not have any other form of photo identification. It will also prevent a person's card being used by someone else.

This process could be carried out by State Departments Service Centres, which process drivers licences, and could be implemented for new Medicare Cards and at the time when present Medicare Cards expire and a new card is issued. Every adult should have their own personal medicare card bearing their full face, unobscured by a veil, hat or glasses photo, similar to a Passport Photo.

I feel sure that millions of Australians would concur with this innovation. There is no reason for anyone to object – it's a generous service provided by the Australian Government. Thank you very much to whoever put forward this idea.