

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee

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Human Services Portfolio

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Question:

Medicare has stated, in respect to the Teen Dental Plan, that “in 2009–10 we will undertake audit activity on the providers with the highest levels of billing.” (National Compliance Program paper, p.18) Have the audits on the Teen Dental Plan taken place? If so, what are the details and results of the audits? If not, when are these audits expected to take place?

Answer:

Medicare Australia has completed preliminary analysis for its compliance activity on the Teen Dental Plan. Medicare Australia anticipates that audit work on selected providers will commence in early 2010.