

Thank you for your e-mail re the opportunity to respond to the Health Insurance Amendment Act.

I am President of the Victorian Branch of DHAA and feel that this issue would be better addressed by our National Association. From our Branch perspective, I would commend the proposed amendment, however since Dental Hygienists in this state do not have provider numbers to provide dental hygiene services to the community proposed to benefit from the amendment, a response is unwarranted. However, dental hygienists in the employ of registered dentists supplying services under the amended act would be providing periodontal and maintenance therapy under the direction of the employing dentist should a patient be referred to the dentist by a GP for dental services under the proposed amended act. This information may be useful for you to know regarding the situation in the state of Victoria.

Kind regards

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