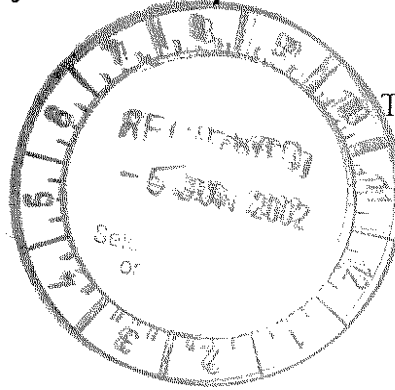


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Select Committee on Medicare
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I list what I see as critical issues relating to the change in the Medicare policy:

- * Quality health care for ALL Australians is a basic human right.
- * It is a major responsibility of government to ensure that this right is protected.
- * Proposed changes undermine the integrity, universality and ongoing viability of Medicare.
- * Bulk Billing must remain a fundamental cornerstone of our health system. Only with this support can those on the low-income bracket be catered for. Without it they will be further disadvantaged and stressed.

I ask you to take these considerations seriously and to make the 'working poor' of our nation the most important priority. "A Fair-Go" for ALL Australians.

Sincerely,

(Sister) Imelda McMahon

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