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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the propositions by Cigna and NIB to introduce managed care into the Australian health care systems. Having worked in the USA and witnessed first hand how clinical care suffers and costs for simple procedures end up escalating to outrageous amounts, I would be grateful if the ACCC could step up and protect the Australian public from allowing this situation to occur. The predatory behaviour that this structure can potentially allow, means that private companies end up dictating care and blocking clinical decisions being made by clinicians on the basis of cost.

The administrative burden that this sort of system creates has the potential to create far greater costs as well as delays to appropriate care. Additionally the proposition is anticompetitive and has the potential to severely disadvantage Australians who are used to having access to clinically appropriate, world class care. This is not the situation that has been borne out of similar structures in the USA where doctors face the demoralising proposition of having to fight for evidence based care against companies that put profit above care.

I request that the ACCC withdraw support for this application

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