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To whom it may concern,

I write to express dismay at the prospect of managed health care being introduced to the Australian health care system. Whilst attempts to manage the ongoing and increasing cost of modern health care are warranted, the ongoing practice of managed health care in the USA has been shown to repeatedly lead to financial harm to patients (I believe the leading cause of bankruptcy in the US is health care bills

1) Medical Expenses

A study published in the [American Journal of Public Health](#) found that 66.5% of bankruptcies in the U.S. are due to issues like being unable to pay high bills or losing work. ^[3] Even with health insurance, high de

American Public Health Association. "[Medical Bankruptcy and the Affordable Care Act](#)," Page 432. Accessed April 28, 2020

And also leads to medical practitioners familiar with their patients' healthcare having to adopt rationing and "menu" style investigation. The patient suffers either way, either not getting a needed investigation or having to pay extra for a warranted investigation.

In a complicated health care system already beset by IT and logistics issues adding another level of bureaucracy is likely to add complexity and cost.

The Australian medical system is one of the best in the world and whilst not perfect I object to a system that is more inefficient, costs more, with poorer outcomes and driven by profit for shareholders and CEO's being introduced.

Yours sincerely

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