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To the ACCC

I write to object in the strongest terms to this draft exemption.

The entry of Cygna into the Australian healthcare landscape is an invitation to the US style of managed care into our community. In Australia we enjoy one of the highest quality healthcare systems in the world - one in which the patient and their doctor can determine the safest and most appropriate medical care without interference from their insurer. This contrasts with the situation in the USA in which medical care is not only prohibitively expensive but is also inferior to our standards of care. The push by NIB and other health funds to further control the health care options for patients is financially motivated to ensure profits and has nothing to do with quality or choice.

Australian doctors work to relieve the suffering of their patients, and it is not their job to relieve the financial distress of private health funds.

I urge the ACCC to resist the creep of managed care into our health system and to disallow the NIB/Cygna arrangement being proposed.

Yours faithfully

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