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Why allow only one group to do this? Surely, this is anti-competitive which i thought was your raison d'être . NIB has already distinguished itself as one of the worst health insurers to deal with by not allowing co-payments and then not being very transparent about this fact with its customers. If there was ever a thin end of the wedge scenario to destroy one of the best health systems in the world, this is it. Mr Fitzgibbon acknowledged that “ managed care” has had a very bad reputation (Weekend Australian 5-6/6/21). I don't see any evidence as to why the situation is different in 2021 as to the 70s & 80s. I worked in the US as a fellow where an operating room full of highly qualified professionals about to perform complex, life-saving paediatric surgery could be halted by a junior clerk over the phone.

Do not put profit above patient care.

Yours sincerely,

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