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To whom it may concern,

As medical practitioner I cannot see how the Honeysuckle proposal results in improved health outcomes for Australians? Managed health care takes away clinician led medical decisions by dictating what they will be funded to do. Apart from a few areas (such as elective orthopaedic surgery) there has never been proven to be improved patient/population outcomes through managed care. Instead, I would expect costs of health care to increase relative to outcomes, resulting in similar cost per capita to the US.

Many papers have shown that the health care costs in the USA are driven by institutionalised medical practices and reimbursement policies, technology induced costs and consumer behaviour. None have demonstrated benefits of corporation dictated health care.

Per capita health spending in the US is more than double that of Australia without improved health outcomes (actually worse), longer average acute hospital stays and higher rates of avoidable deaths.

So the question pertains, why on earth would we want to move towards a similar health funding model? The simple answer is that large companies with lots of money lobby government hard to get their way so they can make a lot more money. They have no interest other than profit!

Please listen to your doctors. The overwhelming majority believe that the Honeysuckle proposition is a bad idea and slippery slope to American style/funded health care. Ask American health care professionals and patients what they think of their health system and hear their stark warnings.

Regards,

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Sent from my iPhone