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**Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare  
Dental Services) Bill 2007**

**No.     , 2007**

*(Health and Ageing)*

**A Bill for an Act to amend the *Health Insurance Act 1973*, and for related purposes**



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1     **A Bill for an Act to amend the *Health Insurance Act***  
2     ***1973, and for related purposes***

3     The Parliament of Australia enacts:

4     **1 Short title**

5                     This Act may be cited as the *Health Insurance Amendment*  
6                     *(Medicare Dental Services) Act 2007*.

7     **2 Commencement**

8                     This Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal  
9                     Assent.

10    **3 Schedule(s)**

11                     Each Act that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or  
12                     repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule

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concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.

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2 **Schedule 1—Amendment of the Health**  
3 **Insurance Act 1973**  
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5 **1 After subsection 3C(2)**

6 Insert:

7 (2A) A determination under subsection (1) may provide that the total of  
8 all amounts of medicare benefit paid or payable in respect of one or  
9 more eligible dental services provided to a person in a specified  
10 period must not exceed a specified amount.

11 (2B) If a determination makes provision as mentioned in  
12 subsection (2A), medicare benefit is not payable, despite Part II, in  
13 respect of an eligible dental service provided to a person in the  
14 specified period to the extent that the total of all amounts of  
15 medicare benefit paid or payable for all such eligible dental  
16 services provided to the person in the specified period exceeds the  
17 specified amount.

18 **2 Subsection 3C(8)**

19 Insert:

20 *eligible dental service* means:

- 21 (a) dental treatment; and  
22 (b) a health service described in paragraph (d) of the definition  
23 of *health service*.

24 **3 Subsection 3C(8) (definition of *health service*)**

25 Omit all the words after paragraph (b), substitute:

- 26 and (c) the supply of prostheses in connection with a service  
27 rendered by an accredited dental practitioner to a prescribed  
28 dental patient; and  
29 (d) the supply of prostheses in connection with dental treatment,  
30 other than in circumstances described in paragraph (c);  
31 but does not include the supply of any other prostheses.

32 **4 Saving provision**

**Schedule 1** Amendment of the Health Insurance Act 1973

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1           A determination made under section 3C of the *Health Insurance Act*  
2           *1973* as in force before the commencement of this item, to the extent  
3           that it relates to dental health services, continues in force, despite the  
4           amendment of that section by this Act.