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**Re: Cost of Treatment Regulations**

To whom it may concern,

I would like to highlight the inequity regarding the cost of treatment to providers of ACC sensitive claims services.

Currently, there is a scaling system that carries an unjust bias between the professionals providing ACC sensitive claims counselling services.

This scaling system privileges the *profession* delivering the service more than the level of qualification and experience of the professional.

This makes no logical sense, it is biased, and unequitable. It disadvantages certain people and groups within the community and promotes elitism.

A fairer system would be to consider that a professional with a certain level of qualification is paid the same as another, with the same level of qualification, e.g., a bachelor's degree, a Master's degree, or PhD.

The current scaling system demonstrates a clear elitism and devalues the value of one profession over another, where often (but not always) these professionals are delivering exactly same service i.e., counselling & report writing.

Please address this inequity.

Yours sincerely,

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