Dear *Dr \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*THE COST OF DAAs (WEBSTER PACKS) IS ABOUT TO RISE*

Unfortunately, a combination of increasing costs and the Government’s recent decision to double dispense quantities will mean that we will soon have to charge a lot more for your patients’ Webster Packs.

This is why.

The real cost, including wages, consumables, and incidentals of packing a DAA is, **on average, greater than $20 per person per week1.**

As you know, we have never charged anything like this amount for packing your patients’ Webster Packs.

We have been able to do this because we cross subsidised the cost of packing by using the Dispensing Fees prescriptions generated to reduce the cost to patients as much as possible.

As the Government has now halved the income from Dispensing Fees, we are now unable to provide this service at the current cost.

Raising the costs to these vulnerable patients is clearly not something we want to do hence Pharmacists nationally are fighting the way this policy has been implemented without consulting a single Pharmacist The policy was based on highly flawed assessment by Department of Heath's "Impact Analysis"2 report instead.

Our greatest concern, and something not considered by Government, is that patients may stop using DAAs creating a huge risk of medication misadventure.

If you like, you can take your concerns to our local Federal Member XXXXXXXXXX who can be contacted on XXXXXXXXXXX or by email at XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.

We are unhappy with the action we are being forced to take and hope that Pharmacists representation to the Government, along with GPs, customers and patients making their representations, will make the necessary changes to the policy which, after all, is meant to be improving cost of living pressures, not making things more difficult for people such as your patients.

Please feel free to contact us with any concerns you may have.

Yours Sincerely

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1. <https://www.pbs.gov.au/general/sixth-cpa-pages/cpp-files/6CPA-PPI-DAA-Final-Evaluation-Report.PDF>

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