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To whom it may concern

Since my last submission the insurance providers, BUPA in particular but also Pru Health have started querying billing procedures which they have traditionally settled without question historically. Chief amongst these is when patients present for an ultrasound or other investigation which makes the diagnosis of a condition which can be treated under ultrasound or imaging guidance at the same sitting. The insurance companies are now suggesting that they are only obliged to pay for one of the 2 procedures. Once again this is done without consultation carrying the threat that if you dont agree you will be delisted. How can a company be allowed to conduct its business like this pushing its weight around like a bully in the playground? There need to be checks and balances put in place by an outside body outlining what practise is acceptable which to prevent large companies from making unilateral decisions that effects large numbers of health providers and individual practitioners.