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I understand you are investigating the private healthcare sector. I have come across unfair practice by BUPA, which I thought I should share with you. In summary, BUPA have imposed a restriction on me as a consultant [redacted] so I have to register with BUPA in order to charge BUPA members for performing and reporting an [redacted] on my own equipment. This is in addition to my existing registration as a BUPA provider and was done at short notice not allowing time to go through the additional registration process, which was made very difficult by BUPA. If I register with BUPA the maximum BUPA will pay is £67. However, BUPA will pay BMI hospitals £115 for exactly the same test. This is well in excess of my usual fee of £95. In my view this is unfair and well beyond any reasonable deal which might favour a higher volume user such as BMI. It appears to exist solely to force independent providers out of business and results in BUPA members paying more.

I hope this is useful to your enquiry.