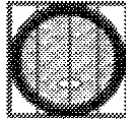


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FOR MR BILL SHORTEN'S PERSONAL ATTENTION AND ACTION

RE GP FEES MEDICARE CO-PAYMENT

**PEOPLE AND PARENTS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS
NEED TO BE ENCOURAGED NOT DISCOURAGED FROM VISITING A
DOCTOR.**

Dear Mr Bill Shorten,

Bill Congratulations. I watched with interest your announcement on ABC TV regarding voting against GP Co-Payments and other budget measures. (Please feel free to provide a copy of this letter to anyone thinking to do otherwise).

Although it's clear that government does not care about children young people or others who managing a parent with serious mental illness 24/7 and provide nothing in the way of appropriate support for this large vulnerable group.

I'm sure you would agree people and parents with mental illness do not need obstacles put in their way when considering to visit a doctor.

Any deterrent such as co-payments goes against governments own bipartisan current federal mental health policies and strategies.

People with mental illness need to be encouraged not discouraged from visiting a doctor.

It is shameful that in this day and age we already have to manage without any federal government funding.

NNAAMI supports vulnerable children and young people who manage a parent with mental illness across Australia. Through our website, telephone support, on-line advice, and our volunteer run counseling service NNAAMI supports at risk Australian children, young people and adults who support a parent with mental illness 24/7.

This is the most neglected area in mental health.

Potentially many more than one in five people have a parent with mental illness. People across the world value our website as a resource. NNAAMI provides an efficient way to reach and support this group of vulnerable people.

Please take time to see our concerns and their life stories at www.nnaami.org.

Yours Sincerely

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