

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in to officially express my dismay at the extortionate proposed cost for my Dental Therapy colleagues (but similarly for dental hygienists also, who also have very high APC).

You've historically explained that these costs are in relation to the amount of professionals registered in each field, meaning these fees will become unaffordable very soon as numbers in these DT and DH fields dwindle. Thus I am writing to advocate my support for OHT, Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy being combined to share these APC costs within the same category, as they are for Dentists and Dental Specialists.

It's absolutely ludicrous to expect a dental therapy professional, for example, to pay 2x as much in annual fees than a dentist, particularly when you compare their average income would be a quarter of that of a dentist or dental specialist.

Regards,

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