

Media statement

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Board warns doctors of fraudulent letter

The Medical Board of Australia today warned doctors to look out for a fraudulent letter purporting to be jointly from the Board and the Department of Human Services.

The letter urges doctors to review their practice for over-servicing and refers to The Department of Human Services' Practitioner Review Program. Most of the text in the letter appears to reflect the content of authorised letters from the Department of Human Services to practitioners on this issue.

The fraudulent letter uses both the Medical Board of Australia logo and the Department of Human Services' Medicare logo without authorisation and uses the medical practitioner's registration number.

If you receive a joint letter from the Medical Board of Australia and the Department of Human Services on this issue it is likely to be unauthorised. Authorised letters on this issue are sent to practitioners from the Department of Human Services only.

Anyone with more information should contact the Health Practitioner Section at the Department of Human Services on 02 6143 6040.

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