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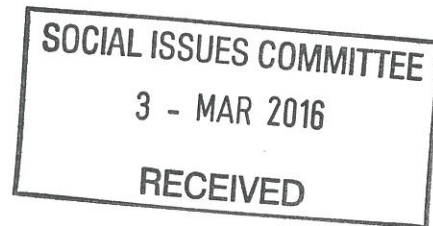
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Dear Ms Simpson

Inquiry into Dental Services in NSW

Thank you for the opportunity for the Australian Health Insurance Association to provide evidence at the 16 February 2006 Hearing of the Inquiry into Dental Services in NSW by the Standing Committee on Social Issues of the NSW Parliament.

I have attached the transcript of our evidence with a small number of corrections noted in red, as requested.

At the Hearing, there was a question raised by the Hon Ian West regarding whether Druids Friendly Society have a dental only product. I am able to confirm that Druids Friendly Society, based in Melbourne, does have a dental only product, however this must be taken out in conjunction with hospital cover from the fund. With the HBA product that I referred to in the Hearing, similarly the health fund offers a dental only product, but this is available only to contributors who also have hospital coverage with HBA. Both of these funds are funds available to the general public to join – they do not have restricted membership. As a point of clarification, it should be noted that Acorn Prudential, based in Sydney (until recently the Druids Health Benefits Fund), does not offer a dental only product.

Should you need any clarification in relation to our evidence to the Inquiry, please feel free to contact me on (02) 9261 2142.

Yours sincerely

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