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Bid to lift rebates for seeing psychologist

A TWO-tier rebate system for psychologists is harming patients at a time when mental health is at crisis point, a national body says.

Under the federal Better Access program, patients of clinical psychologists receive a \$127 rebate a session, but only \$87.45 if they see registered



psychologists, who make up 70 per cent of the profession. Australian Association of Psychologists executive director Tegan Carrison, pictured, said there was no difference in service quality.

However, the Australian Clinical Psychology Association's website says clinical psychologists are "the only psychologists to have an advanced level of education and training in mental health".

The Medicare Benefits Schedule Review Taskforce wants a review of rebates.