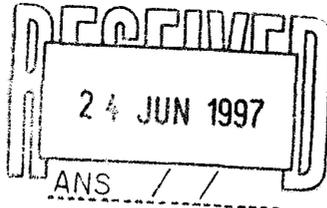


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**BY COURIER**

Dear Monsignor

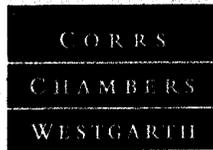
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We refer to the various discussions between you, Richard Leder and Sue Sharkey relating to the Fosters. Richard has met with Sue Sharkey, and discussed this matter at length.

Although the Fosters have not satisfied Professor Ball's queries, the following compromise is proposed:

- 1 There are a large number of doctors' bills that, we say, should be claimed on Medicare, with Carelink meeting any gap. However, as the HIC has not yet confirmed the appropriateness of this, and having regard to all of the difficulties raised by Mr Foster, we recommend that Carelink pay the medical accounts now. Assuming that HIC provide the expected confirmation, the Fosters will be asked to claim the accounts on Medicare, and reimburse Carelink. It may be that Mr Foster refuses to do this. In that event, further funding from Carelink could be withheld.
- 2 Counselling invoices. These are not covered by Medicare or any form of health insurance, and will be paid by Carelink.
- 3 Albert Road Clinic. These accounts are all covered by the Foster's private health insurance with HBA. The accounts total \$3,000.00. Last year, the Fosters claimed all of these accounts. Now they are refusing to do so. Particularly as Professor Ball's queries remain unanswered, we do not consider it reasonable for Carelink to be expected to pay these accounts. We are recommending that they be returned to the Fosters for claiming on their private health insurance, on the basis that if there is any gap, this will be met by Carelink.

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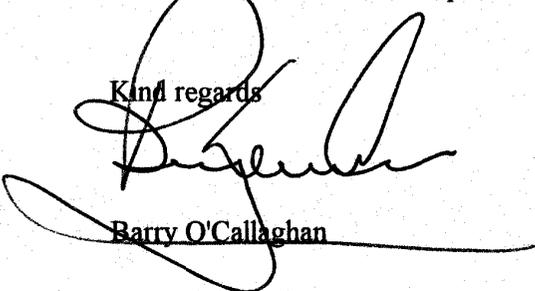
We **enclose** a draft letter that we recommend be sent to Mr and Mrs Foster, preferably by courier. Richard has discussed the contents of the letter with Sue Sharkey. You will note that the date of your last letter to them needs to be inserted.

We also **enclose** two cheques drawn on the Roman Catholic Trust Corporation that were being held by Carelink pending the resolution of this issue. Both of these cheques are payable to Anthony Foster, which is no longer appropriate. In any event, we have grave concerns with expenses of this nature being met with a Trusts Corporation cheque. It is far more appropriate for the cheque to be styled "Carelink", which we understand is the procedure now being adopted.

We are forwarding a copy of this letter directly to Sue Sharkey, and confirming that she should pay the medical invoices. A copy of our letter to her is **enclosed** for your information.

Please do not hesitate to telephone Richard if you have any queries.

Kind regards



Barry O'Callaghan

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