

To:

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Dear Sir

RE: Approved Ophthalmology Network

I am writing to you regarding the creation of your Approved Ophthalmology Network.

I value my relationship with you and wish to continue to be recognised by you, however, I have reconsidered the situation, and I have decided not to take part in your initiative. I no longer wish to continue with the Network.

I am doing so since I consider that the initiative is inappropriate and misdirected. Whilst of course BUPA Insurance Limited should ensure that its recognition data are up-to date, this initiative goes well beyond that. The initiative will have the effect of making BUPA a new accreditor, regulator and auditor of my practice, and as you know I am already accredited and regulated by various professional bodies including the Royal Medical College and the General Medical Council, and audited by the hospital(s) for which I work. The initiative will also be to the detriment of patients since it will effectively limit most patient choice to those doctors who belong to approved networks.

I understand that you are in talks with the BMA and other representatives of the profession and that in the meantime I trust you will continue to recognise me for reimbursement purposes for the treatment of BUPA insured patients.

Yours sincerely

Name and Provider Number