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Hi I'm Alex Wight a practicing physio.

I'd like to add my voice to the opposition of the proposed changes (away from specifically treating with physio rather than the new 'allied health' advice).

The APA has summarised the issue well: in the early stage of acute LBP in 'at risk' patients physiotherapy cannot be substituted by a non-Ahpra regulated provider who would not have the formal scope to differentially diagnose, screen for serious and specific pathology, bio-psychosocially assess, provide non-pharmaceutical pain-relief, and design a full management plan within which decisions are centred around the specific patient rather than the predetermined preference of an insurer.

Regards, Alex