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Hi all, for those that would like to follow the MBS copay issue

This has received a bit of press today **Section 22**

[Australians pay more for health care than France, UK, report says, amid Medicare co-payment debate](#)

The article refers to a chapter by Jennifer Doggett in the publication *More Than Luck: Ideas Australia needs now* (2010).

http://morethanluck.cpd.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2010/06/MTL_InHousePrint_webcopy2.pdf

Some key points

MYTHBUSTER: Australia's health system is fairer than most? Not for some

A 2008 Commonwealth Fund survey of chronically ill adults in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and the United States found that over a third (36 per cent) of Australians with chronic conditions reported problems with accessing health care due to cost. This was higher than participants from any other country, apart from the US. **Source:** C. Schoen et al. In *Chronic Condition: Experiences of Patients with Complex Health Care Needs, in Eight Countries*, 2008. *Health Affairs* Nov 2008

The full text and chart pack can be accessed here <http://www.commonwealthfund.org/Publications/In-the-Literature/2008/Nov/In-Chronic-Condition--Experiences-of-Patients-with-Complex-Health-Care-Needs--in-Eight-Countries--20.aspx>

