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Submission: I write in response to the proposed arrangements for Gold Opal cards. I acknowledge the aim to limit the holders of this card to those with most financial need, I am aware that with recent changes for income and asset tests for pensions, and further changes from 1 Jan 2017, many pensioners will lose their pension benefits. As these people will be given a Seniors Health Card, which is subject to an age and income tests, I would request that consideration be given to including this group in the eligibility category