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To: EBSA, E-OHPSCA - EBSA

Subject: Comment in support of RIN 1210-AB30

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I am writing to support the interim final rule under the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (RIN 1210-AB30).

I support the strong rule that would forbid insurance companies from charging higher copayments, deductibles, and other out-of-pocket expenses for mental health treatment than they would for other physical health care. Thank you for ensuring that mental health care and physical health care coverage are included in a single deductible. It is an outrage that those who need treatment for mental health problems are charged more than if they had physical ailments! If we want a healthy, thriving community, we must make sure that those who are mentally ill get the treatment they need to be productive citizens.

Sincerely,

Regina Carpenter