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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.

I am a mental health services researcher and understand this issue very well. To deny appropriate coverage to persons in need when there are evidence-based approaches to reduce morbidity is unethical. I hope the final rule will stay true to the intent of the legislation which was years in the making.

Many thanks for your attention.

Sincerely,

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