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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. As a pastor, I am all too aware of the great distress so many in our community go through when they are cut off from accessing effective mental health services, and I am convinced that in a society like ours there is absolutely no excuse for this serious gap in the care we extend to our citizens. Please ensure that mental health care and physical health care coverage are included in a single deductible.

Sincerely,

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