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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).

It is a grave error to suppose that mental well-being is less vital than physical well-being and is, therefore, dispensable or somehow a "luxury". Hence, I support the rule that would forbid insurance companies to charge higher copayments, deductibles, and other out-of-pocket expenses for mental health treatment than they would for physical health care.

Hence, I urge you to ensure that both mental health care and physical health care coverage be included in a single deductible.

Sincerely,

Nancy Roberts