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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).

Since the head is part of the body (yes! it's true!) charging more for helping that part than other parts just doesn't make sense, isn't fair and seems to me just another ploy to gouge people when they are least able to fight back. The Mind and the Body are connected; what affects one part actually affects the entire body! Charging extra for the head is wrong!

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.

Sincerely,

Gayle Abbott