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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.

Aside from the simple humanity of equal care for all regardless of the illness, society saves in the long run by enabling people to be productive and capable members rather than becoming permanently disabled members of society who cost us all more to support.

Sincerely,

Romola Chrzanowski