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People with mental illness and/or substance dependencies are burdened enough with quality of life issues. Why should they be further marginalized with higher insurance costs? Are the insurance companies and their executives struggling to make ends meet? Are their profits threatened? I think not. Their profits, rather, are obscene reflections of raking vulnerable populations.

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.

Sincerely,

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