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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 strongly feel that people who are beset with mental health issues and are both working and part of a group plan need to have their needs recognized as a parity with that of medical and surgical treatment. Maintaining and strengthening preventative mental health measures ensures that people don't run out of alternatives to solve their problems and cease being productive members of society.

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,

Thomas Yerks