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To: EBSA, E-OHPSCA - EBSA  
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 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. My son, now a county deputy in MN, worked as a security guard at a large hospital in St. Cloud, MN while he was finishing his degree at St. Cloud State. He said he dealt with mental illness in the emergency room on a nightly basis. People were brought there by the St. Cloud police dept when they really didn't necessarily have a medical issue, but the mental/emotional issues were rampant! I think this new bill proposal is sorely needed.

Sincerely,

Carol Miller