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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).

To add a personal note, I am an intake coordinator at a children's mental health clinic. I speak to parents on a daily basis who have what most would term "good insurance," that have such high out of pocket costs before the plan will actually cover any mental health services. Because of this, many children go without needed therapies because insurance companies place prohibitive costs on mental health care. 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,

Sarah Small