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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. Please prevent the kind of profiling that would exclude or penalize patients who require treatment for problems that, while not physical in nature, could effect the overall health of patients in the long run. Thank you for ensuring that mental health care and physical health care coverage are included in a single deductible.

Sincerely,

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