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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.

Those in need of mental health and/or drug addiction treatment are already in a dire state, and higher costs for their care would be a true deterrent to them seeking the help they need.

Sincerely,

Karen Holsten Coleman