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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 used to live in the Washington, D.C. area and was in a bibliotherapy training course at St. Elizabeths, a large mental hospital there. I am familiar with mental illness and know how devastating it can be. Many former patients who were still mentally ill were released to the streets of D.C., where they were quite visible in their pathetic, largely homeless, condition. We need every means of protecting these people--and protecting society from the most ill and violent among them by assuring that they have access to whatever ongoing comprehensive treatment they need.

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,

Marjorie Rosenfeld