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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.

As a mental health care provider and consumer, it concerns me greatly that there is even a question in this day and age about parity!!!!!!

So much of what we call 'mental illnesses' are chemical imbalances that stem from many different sources. Some are environmental, some are genetic. People who need help should not be punished because they are depressed or schizophrenic. Broken legs are fixable, so are broken brains and hearts!!!!!!

Thank you for ensuring that mental health care and physical health care coverage are included in a single deductible.

Sincerely,

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