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If the interim final rule under the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (RIN 1210-AB30) will genuinely reduce inflated costs for mental health treatment, then I would support it.

Access to mental health treatment is just as vital as access to other types of health care, particularly in these times of high stress due to economic crisis and uncertainty. A strong rule to 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 is absolutely necessary.

Ultimately, the best plan would be to have a single-payer system, such as Medicare for all, that removed obstacles stemming from for-profit machinations for all health services.

Sincerely,

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