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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 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. Mental health problems underlie many physical health and social problems. If we can get people better access (through insurance coverage that is equal to physical health insurance coverage) to mental health care, we help build a healthier society overall. Thank you for ensuring that mental health care and physical health care coverage are included in a single deductible.

Sincerely,

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