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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.

Mental illness is finally receiving its appropriate recognition both in civil society and even in the military with the acknowledgment of PTSD. There's no reason to treat it any differently than any other medical condition.

Sincerely,

Albert Zanigrilli