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

We know that mental health problems like depression, for example, can also cause physical illness. It is truly a wiser course to help ensure that people will seek treatment for mental illness; if they cannot afford it because of discriminatory insurance policies, we all lose.

Sincerely,

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