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Subject: Comment in support of RIN 1210-AB30

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I am a long-term fighter against chronic depression and mental confusion, brought on by multiple work-related head traumas. The head is a part of the physical body, too, and injuries to it, physical or chemical, deserve as much equitable health care coverage as any other part of the body.

So 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.

Sincerely,

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