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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. As someone who has a family member who has been denied coverage, and or offered coverage with a premium that was not affordable or reasonable, I support this rule wholeheartedly. It is about time that people with mental illness are provided the same basic insurance rights and coverage as is provided to those who have other conditions which are due to no fault of their own, such as diabetes, or a host of other illnesses which people are born with or genetically predisposed to. Thank you for ensuring that mental health care and physical health care coverage are included in a single deductible.

Sincerely,

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