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## General Comment

On behalf of NAMI Texas I am writing to submit comments on the Interim Final Rules under the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 and in doing so NAMI Texas, as a state organization of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, endorses the separate comments submitted by the Parity Implementation Coalition and the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

I implore you to follow these guidelines during implementation -- this law will help millions of Americans receive the quality mental health care they so richly deserve. Please do not dilute the impact of this legislation, thereby allowing insurance companies once again to side-step a law that is not enforceable. This is one of the most important pieces of legislation ever written for the health and well-being of the people of the United States.

John Dornheim  
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