On behalf of NAMI-Mankato, I am writing to submit comments on the Interim Final Rules under the Paul Wellstone & Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 and in doing so NAMI-Mankato endorses the separate comments submitted by the Parity Implementation Coalition and the National Alliance on Mental Illness. NAMI-Mankato believes this Act will help thousands of people who have a mental illness and are unable to pay for the treatment that they need. I know for myself that my insurance barely covers any of my treatment for depression. The co-pays for all of my medications are also extremely high. I am hoping this Act will change that.

Thank You.