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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).

This rule prevents insurance companies from discriminating against people whose illness is classified as a mental illness rather than a "traditional" medical illness. Every day there is more evidence that mental illnesses are biological conditions, are physical illnesses that should receive no less support from insurance programs than other medical conditions. Schizophrenia is no less devastating on the whole family than cancer, no less deadly, no less life threatening. Do not allow insurance companies to charge higher copayments, or deductibles for mental health care. Thank you for this rule.

Sincerely,

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