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General Comment

I am responding to your request for feedback on the Request for Information Regarding the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008.

The Biofeedback Certification Institute of America (BCIA) represents approximately 1400 clinicians, most of whom are psychologists and other mental health professionals. Though biofeedback has been shown to be an effective treatment modality for a wide variety of mental health and stress-related disorders, we frequently receive complaints from our certificant that biofeedback is very often denied or is reimbursed at a very low rate by third party payers. Please recognize biofeedback as a legitimate and effective treatment modality for mental health disorders as you evaluate the parity of reimbursement between mental health and medical treatments.

Thank you,

Randy Neblett
BCIA Chair