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To: EBSA, E-OHPSCA - EBSA
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).

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. I work in the mental health field. Keeping my services on parity with medical services will reduce the number and cost of hospitalizations for mental illness and substance abuse. My work is cost effective and parity will make it more so. Thank you for ensuring that mental health care and physical health care coverage are included in a single deductible.

Sincerely,

Brian Clougherty