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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).

Not only is it the right thing to do from a moral perspective, it's the smart thing to do. Coverage for mental health and substance abuse at parity with physical health coverage will create savings for everyone by reducing crime and social problems exacerbated by mental health issues.

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. Thank you for ensuring that mental health care and physical health care coverage are included in a single deductible.

Sincerely,

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