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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).

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.

Those suffering from mental illness or substance abuse are in need of medical intervention, no more or less than a person who has pneumonia, or a broken limb, heart disease or cancer. There should be no difference in what they pay out-of-pocket than any other insured individual.

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

Sincerely,

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