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Subject: Comment in support of RIN 1210-AB30

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I, as someone with a family full of mental illness, 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 should be a finalized rule.

This strong rule 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. This is crucial in creating equity in healthcare and destigmatizing mental illness.

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

Sincerely,

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