

Sent: Saturday, April 24, 2010 11:52 AM
To: EBSA, E-OHPSCA - EBSA
Subject: Comment in support of RIN 1210-AB30

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I am writing as a licensed mental health professional, with over 30 years experience in the mental health field, 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 FINALLY FORBID INSURANCE COMPANIES from TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THOSE SUFFERING FROM THE RAVAGES OF PSYCHIATRIC CONDITIONS from charging higher copayments, deductibles, and other out-of-pocket expenses for mental health treatment than they would for other physical health care. THIS PRACTICE HAS BEEN UNCONSCIONABLE & MUST BE STOPPED (WITH NO EXCEPTIONS, AS HAS BEEN DONE BY THE STATE OF NJ!!!)

Thank you for ensuring that mental health care and physical health care coverage are included in a SINGLE DEDUCTIBLE!

WE ALL WILL BE WATCHING, & OUR FURTHER SUPPORT FOR ANY POLITICIAN IN THE FUTURE WILL DEPEND UPON ACTIONS TAKEN IN THIS MEASURE!!!!!!

Sincerely,

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