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

I am a health care researcher and I know that good that this new law will produce. It will save money and lives and reduce the separate and unequal status and discrimination that affects people with some of the most prevalence health problems we have - 1 in 5 people need this care.

Sincerely,

MARK Attridge