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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.

In the 1970's Rosalind Carter set a national campaign to educate every American about mental illness. It is way past time for Congress to catch up to that standard and the real-time mental health needs in the community of voting constituencies; get your hands, focus of attention and priorities out of the pockets of elite interests! Families are devastated by the impact of ignorance on so many levels regarding mental illness. It is high time to evolve to the understanding that mental illness is parallel to diabetes, as the appropriate example goes.

Every single American family including each and every single one of yours, is affected by mental illness in one way or another. Take minimal action by supporting this call for a strong mental health parity rule, because America is otherwise leaving you behind.

*The American Congress is just appearing more and more isolated from life in this country with every passing quarter.

Sincerely,

Kerrie B Wrye