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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.

Furthermore, insurance companies must be forced to pay mental health practitioners at a rate comparable to that paid to medical health practitioners. With the current rates that therapists and psychiatrists are paid, only the most inexperienced or unpopular are willing to accept insurance at all. This leaves people with medical insurance effectively uninsured for their mental health treatment.

Thank you for addressing this egregious disparity.

Sincerely,

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