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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. I know from family experience the toll that mental health issues can take, and they are as real and devastating as physical health issues. Thank you for ensuring that mental health care and physical health care coverage are included in a single deductible.

Sincerely,

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