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I have very strong feelings about this issue: 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 am a VA psychologist and thus would gain nothing personally from mental health parity in the private sector. However, it is clear not only from the movement in primary care models toward a "home clinic" that would involve several essential disciplines in a patient's primary care, including mental health. It is a model that the VA is widely adopting, and requires parity if mental health care is to be truly integrated into health care.

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.

Sincerely,

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