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To: EBSA, E-OHPSCA - EBSA

Subject: Comment in support of RIN 1210-AB30

April 29, 2010

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. Mental Health care does help keep health care costs down as it reduces the cost of many physical illnesses which are made worse by mental health conditions. Furthermore, mental health care helps to keep many Americans functioning and working in our society, helps keep crime down, and helps keep the quality of life for many people at an acceptable level.

Almost everyone knows someone affected by mental illness. Mental illness affects the body just as physical illness and was just as unsolicited by the people that suffer from it. Without access to treatment, many sufferers are doomed to a poor quality of life, needless suffering, and even death.

Please continue to see that all people continue to receive equal access to health care whether it is for a physical or mental illness.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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