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General Comment

As both a mental health consumer and a student in the mental health field, I don't think insurances including Medicare or Medicaid should limit the number of days of service for both inpatient and outpatient. Some consumers are sicker than others and need more treatment. I know that 3 managed care companies behavioral health division have filed a petition against the parity bill passing. To me, that is like telling us as consumers if you want help then you will have to rely on the state hospitals again. In my state, the treatment in the state hospitals right now or nothing more than medication and custodial care.