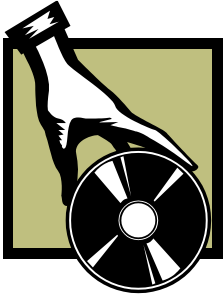


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MENTAL HEALTH PARITY IMPLEMENTATION: New Regulations Explained by the Nation's Leading Analysts and Experts

A dialogue to help behavioral health leaders understand changing marketplace dynamics and the implications for consumers

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Federal regulations have been issued to help health plans, employers, and other payers implement historic mental health and addiction parity legislation (the *Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act*). See <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-2167.pdf>. The regulations will play a critical role in providing guidance to all constituencies affected by the law.

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