



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

OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this training, the participant should be able to:

- Outline key provisions of the [interim final rule](#) published in the February 2, 2010, *Federal Register* by the U.S. Departments of Health & Human Services, Treasury, and Labor to implement the *Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity Act*.
- Identify how key constituencies (health plans, consumers, providers, managed care, actuaries, federal agencies, and others) view the regulations and how they are likely to proceed with implementation.
- Describe changing marketplace dynamics and the implications for consumers.
- Identify strategies provider organizations may want to consider in developing business and strategic plans for working with consumers, health plans, insurers, and other payers as they work to implement the federal parity law.

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