## **Support Mental Health Parity – Submit Comments Today**

Earlier this year, President Obama established the Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Parity Task Force to help consumers realize the promise of parity in mental health and substance use health insurance coverage now required by federal law. Parity requires that insurers provide mental health and substance abuse services comparable to the general and surgical medical care they provide. Stakeholders have been voicing frustrations over the lack of enforcement, transparency, and compliance with the mental health parity law.

The Parity Task Force's goals are to ensure that parity is being enforced, and is both accessible and understandable to providers and consumers. The Task Force currently is seeking feedback from stakeholders on their experiences with mental health and substance use disorder parity requirements. If you have suggestions and/or feedback, click the following link to submit your comments: <a href="http://www.hhs.gov/about/agencies/advisory-committees/parity/feedback.html">http://www.hhs.gov/about/agencies/advisory-committees/parity/feedback.html</a>. Should you have any questions, please contact Liz Leibowitz, AJFCA's Director of Government Affairs."