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**AMBHA COMMENTS ON RELEASE OF SURGEON GENERAL'S
REPORT ON MENTAL HEALTH**

(Washington, D.C.) – The American Managed Behavioral Healthcare Association (AMBHA) today commended the Surgeon General for releasing the Report on Mental Health. The Report on Mental Health is a compendium of valuable information about mental health issues. An information source like this on mental health issues is long overdue and will be a great asset to AMBHA and other behavioral health groups as we develop our future mission, goals and agenda.

According to Pamela Greenberg, M.P.P., Executive Director, AMBHA, “This report will be one of the most valuable resources available to our industry and to the general public. I view the Surgeon General’s report as a handbook that everyone involved and interested in mental health issues should refer to and use.”

“Although I have not yet read the full report, summaries presented by its authors suggest it will be extremely useful as a reference for what’s known about the science of mental illness. I am encouraged by what I understand is a fair portrayal of managed care in the report. It’s time for honest dialogue about the true experiences with managed care so that we can realize its full potential: putting quality and best practices at center stage and improving the state of mental health care,” said Jerry Vaccaro, M.D., Chair, AMBHA Board of Directors.

The American Managed Behavioral Healthcare Association (AMBHA) represents the nation’s leading managed behavioral healthcare organizations. These organizations provide insurance coverage for treatment of mental health and substance use disorders to over 100 million individuals.

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