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Statement of AAHP and AMBHA on the Release of the Surgeon General's Report on Mental Health

The American Association of Health Plans (AAHP) and the American Managed Behavioral Healthcare Association (AMBHA) applaud the Surgeon General for releasing the Report on Mental Health. The Report on Mental Health is an important contribution to the ongoing national effort to expand access to affordable, quality, mental health care.

Karen Ignagni, President and CEO, AAHP, characterized the report as “explaining in clear language what the research shows about mental illness. Consumers, payors and health plans will be able to use this information to improve the state of mental health care in our health systems. We are very encouraged by the release of this report.”

According to Pamela Greenberg, 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.”

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The American Association of Health Plans (AAHP) is the largest national trade organization representing more than 1,000 health maintenance organizations (HMOs), preferred provider organizations (PPOs), and other similar health plans that provide health care coverage to more than 140 million Americans.

The American Managed Behavioral Healthcare Association (AMBHA) represents nine of 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.