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ABHW to Chair Inaugural Behavioral Health Policy Summit in Washington DC, October 15, 2018

Washington, DC (October 1, 2018) – [The Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness](#) (ABHW), the national voice for payers that manage behavioral health insurance benefits for over 175 million people, has teamed-up with World Congress to present the [Inaugural Behavioral Health Policy Summit](#), on October 15, 2018, at the Key Bridge Marriott, in Rosslyn, VA. Pamela Greenberg, MPP, President and CEO of ABHW will be the Chairperson of the inaugural event.

The [Inaugural Behavioral Health Policy Summit](#) aims to “bring the Hill to you,” through engaging, thought-provoking discussions that will give an inside look into federal policies and the impact of the political landscape on regulations and legislation.

On October 15th – just before midterm elections – a stellar lineup of experts and key decision makers from health plans, federal agencies, provider organizations, and national associations will address the top issues facing behavioral health stakeholders today. Sample agenda includes:

- New legislation and regulations and implications for implementation and compliance around opioid, technology, mental health parity, and more.
- How state Medicaid waivers are driving regional transformation.
- The current state of the industry and the effects of value-based care on providing quality, outcome-based care and bending the cost curve.
- Reading the tea leaves: What to look for in 2018 mid-term elections.

For more information on this conference:

<https://www.worldcongress.com/events/HL18068/>

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[ABHW](#) is the leading health plan association working to improve access and quality of care for mental health and substance use disorders. ABHW's members include national and regional health plans who care for more

than 175 million people. Together we work to reduce stigma and advance federal policy on mental health and addiction care. Member companies - Aetna Behavioral Health, Anthem, Beacon Health Options, Centene Corporation, Cigna, Magellan Health, New Directions Behavioral Health, Optum, and PerformCare.