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in mental health, substance use  
and behavior change.*

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## **MEDIA ALERT**

**Please join Health IT Now, the Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness (ABHW), and experts on the frontlines of fighting the opioid epidemic for a Congressional briefing on the tools needed to combat this crisis, including emerging technologies, and what Congress can do to help.**

**What:** Health IT Now and the Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness briefing on, “Using Health IT to Combat the Opioid Crisis”

**When:** Monday, October 23, 2017

**Time:** 2:30 – 3:30 PM ET

**Where:** 122 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

**RSVP:** [rsvp@healthitnow.org](mailto:rsvp@healthitnow.org)

This briefing will discuss the challenges in interoperability and incomplete patient data that often prevent doctors from recognizing the warning signs of opioid use disorder.

### **Speakers**

James A. Laughman, M.S.W., Executive Director, PerformCare Pennsylvania (An ABHW Member)

Nicole Russell, National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP)

Mark Treshock, IBM

Joel White, Health IT Now

**(Georgetown Cupcakes will be served. This is a widely attended event.)**

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