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ABHW's Pamela Greenberg to Speak at 2017 Government Health Care Congress

Washington, DC (**July 12, 2017**) – The Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness (ABHW), an association of the nation's leading behavioral health and wellness companies serving over 170 million people, today announced that Pamela Greenberg, MPP, President and CEO of ABHW will be speaking at the <u>2017 Government Health Care Congress</u> to be held July 18-19, 2017 at the Sheraton Tysons Hotel in Tysons, VA.

A recognized thought leader in the health care field, Ms. Greenberg will discuss the payer's perspective on behavioral and physical health integration in Medicare Advantage plans, including information on policies that encourage integration and other policies that impede it.

"Approximately 26 percent of Medicare beneficiaries experience a mental illness in a year; often these illnesses are accompanied by at least one physical ailment. Behavioral health is an integral part of whole health and should be appropriately integrated with physical health care. We must take steps towards wholistic treatment for behavioral health illnesses which not only leads to recovery, but also aids in the improvement of a person's physical health."

Pamela's panel discussion, Integrate Behavioral and Physical Health to Advance Care Delivery and Affordability, will take place on Wednesday July 19th at 1:30pm ET.

For more information on this conference, please visit http://www.worldcongress.com/events/GHCC/

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