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in mental health, substance use  
and behavior change.*

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## **MEDIA ALERT**

**The Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness (ABHW) is pleased to present a briefing on the role of U.S. behavioral health plans in addressing the opioid epidemic. This briefing is hosted by the Congressional Caucus on Prescription Drug Abuse.**

**What:** Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness briefing on, “Health Plan Efforts to Address the Opioid Epidemic: A National Emergency”

**When:** Thursday, September 14, 2017

**Time:** 12:00 - 1:00 PM (lunch will be served, this is a widely attended event)

**Where:** U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, Room HVC-200, Washington, DC

This briefing will discuss the important role of the nation’s behavioral health plans in addressing the opioid epidemic, as well as, the payer perspective on trends, challenges, limitations, and best practices.

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### **Speakers**

Sherry Dubester, M.D., M.S., Vice President, Behavioral Health & Clinical Programs, Anthem

Frank P. James, M.D., J.D., FASAM, FACLM, National Behavioral Medical Director, Optum

Enrique Olivares, M.D., FAPA, Director of Addiction Services, Beacon Health Options

### **Moderator**

Pamela Greenberg, M.P.P., President and CEO, Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness

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