



Advancing Health Care Policy  
for Mental Health and Addiction

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## **ABHW to Host 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Behavioral Health Policy Summit in Washington DC, November 6, 2019**

**Washington, DC (October 30, 2019)** – [The Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness](#) (ABHW), the national voice for payers that manage behavioral health insurance benefits for over 200 million people, has teamed-up with World Congress to present the [2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Behavioral Health Policy Summit](#), on Wednesday, November 6, 2019, at The Dupont Circle Hotel in Washington, DC. Pamela Greenberg, MPP, President and CEO of ABHW will be the Chairperson of the event.

The [2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 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 November 6<sup>th</sup>, 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:

- CEO discussion on priorities for advancing integration, improving parity, and increasing access to care.
- Reading the tea leaves: A lobbyist perspective on the political landscape surrounding behavioral health and health care reform.
- How state policies are driving the evolution of mental health parity compliance.
- One year later: The impact of Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act, H.R. 6, on the opioid epidemic.

For more information on this conference: <https://www.worldcongress.com/events/HL19029/>

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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, Kaiser Permanente, Magellan Health, New Directions Behavioral Health, Optum, and PerformCare.

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