



Advancing Health Care Policy
for Mental Health and Addiction

ABHW Policy and Communications Intern

The [Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness](#) (ABHW) is dedicated to advancing federal policy and educating the public on mental health and addiction care. By advocating on behalf of health plans for improved access and higher quality care, we are focused on ensuring better health outcomes for individuals and communities.

ABHW is the national voice for payers that manage behavioral health insurance benefits. ABHW member companies provide coverage to over 200 million people in both the public and private sectors to treat mental health, substance use disorders, and other behaviors that impact health and wellness. More information is available at www.abhw.org.

ABHW is seeking a part-time **Policy and Communications Intern**. The intern will work with Sr. Director of Communications and Public Affairs on a variety of government affairs and communications-related activities.

We are committed to ensuring that our intern has a substantive, skill-building experience.

ABHW is located in Washington, DC, one block from Metro Center.

Responsibilities:

- Assist with drafting issue briefs, comment letters, press statements, talking points, and messaging
- Attend and report on behavioral health Congressional hearings and briefings
- Participate in and report on coalition meetings
- Engage on ABHW's social media platforms
- Help develop executive level strategic presentations
- Assist with other government affairs and communications-related projects as necessary

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree required, graduate level coursework in health preferred
- Subject matter knowledge of health care issues, understanding of mental health and addiction issues a plus
- Health care, public policy, or communications experience or interest
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Strong organizational, analytical, and time-management skills
- Experienced and well-versed with developing and maintaining social media platforms to achieve organizational objectives
- Attention to detail
- Capable of independent decision making and taking initiative
- Ability to multi-task and work collaboratively

Compensation:

- Level of stipend is commensurate with experience. We are also willing to work with the intern to help him or her receive course work or internship credit with his or her university if this is an option of interest.

To apply:

Please send a cover letter, resume, and a short writing sample to huth@abhw.org by March 15th, with "Internship" in the subject line. No phone calls please.

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