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ABHW Comments on CMS' RFI for Coordinating Care for Medicaid-Eligible Children

Washington, DC (March 25, 2020) – The Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness (ABHW), the national voice for payers that manage behavioral health insurance benefits for over 200 million people, issued comment on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS') Request for Information for Coordinating Care from Out-of-State Providers for Medicaid-eligible Children with Medically Complex Conditions (RFI).

Below are five key points ABHW supported in its comments to enhance the coordination of care for out-of-state children with medically complex conditions.

1. Align 42 CFR Part 2 with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.
2. Health plans should be granted access to prescription drug monitoring programs.
3. Increase the size of the addiction service workforce and treatment and recovery infrastructure.
4. Support efforts to reduce stigma and make recovery possible.
5. Utilize telehealth to coordinate treatment for mental health and substance use disorders

ABHW's full comments are available [here](#).

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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, Centene Corporation, Cigna, Kaiser Permanente, Magellan Health, New Directions Behavioral Health, and Optum.