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**ABHW Congratulates President-Elect Joe Biden and
Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris**

Washington, DC (November 16, 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, released the following statement in response to the 2020 Presidential election.

The following statement can be attributed to Pamela Greenberg, MPP, ABHW, President and CEO:

“Congratulations to President-elect Joseph Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris on a hard fought and historic election victory. We look forward to working with them and the Biden Administration on so many issues of common concern; including protecting pre-existing conditions under the Affordable Care Act and expanding access to mental health, substance use disorders, and telehealth services, as well as increased attention on suicide prevention, to name a few.

“As always, we stand ready to constructively engage with the White House and bipartisan leaders in Congress to help drive the solutions for a future that will better serve Americans – a future where there is equitable access to quality mental health and addiction care, better health outcomes, and reduced disparities for all individuals and communities in need of behavioral health services.”

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