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**ABHW Congratulates Miriam E. Delphin-Rittmon  
as the next Assistant Secretary for SAMHSA**

**Washington, DC (June 25, 2021)** – 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 confirmation of Miriam E. Delphin-Rittmon, Ph.D. as the next Assistant Secretary for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

“On behalf of ABHW and our member companies, congratulations to Dr. Miriam Delphin-Rittmon on her new appointment. We look forward to working with her and SAMHSA on so many issues of common concern; including expanding access to mental health, substance use disorders, and telehealth services, as well as increased attention on suicide prevention, to name a few.

“Dr. Delphin-Rittmon’s career achievements prove she is an empathetic, thoughtful, and practical leader in behavioral health and her strategies for leading SAMHSA will benefit patients, providers, and payers. We look forward to working with her to ensure all Americans have access to services for their behavioral health needs.”

Read ABHW’s joint letter of support for Dr. Delphin-Rittmon’s confirmation, [HERE](#)

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