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KATHRYN COHEN, ESQ. JOINS ABHW AS SENIOR DIRECTOR OF REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Washington, DC (October 4, 2022) – The Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness (ABHW), the national voice for payers that manage behavioral health insurance benefits for over 200 million people, today announced the appointment of Kathryn Cohen, Esq. as Senior Director of Regulatory Affairs.

“Kathryn brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise in government affairs and public policy, and will be a great asset to ABHW. She will oversee federal regulatory advocacy efforts on the organization’s priority areas, including substance use disorders, mental health parity, telehealth, 42 CFR Part 2, workforce, youth behavioral health, suicide prevention, and crisis services, Pamela Greenberg, ABHW, President and CEO.”

Prior to joining ABHW, Kathryn was the Government Affairs and Public Policy Director for the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers (MLCHC). She led the MLCHC’s state regulatory, legislative, and budget portfolio on issues impacting Massachusetts Community Health Centers. In addition, she focused on insurance coverage and reimbursement, workforce and training programs, mental health, substance use disorder, and telehealth.

“I am thrilled to join ABHW and I look forward to using my skills to advance federal policy and raise awareness to increase support for mental health and substance use disorders, said Kathryn Cohen, Esq.”

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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, Centene Corporation/Magellan Health, Elevance Health, Evernorth (a Cigna company), Kaiser Permanente, Molina Healthcare, New Directions Behavioral Health, and Optum.