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The Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness (ABHW) Urges Passage of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025

Washington, D.C. – The Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness (ABHW), the national voice for payers that manage behavioral health insurance benefits for 200 million people, urges the U.S. House of Representatives to pass the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025 (“SUPPORT Act”) today.

The SUPPORT Act will strengthen access to life-saving treatment and is critical to effectively addressing substance use disorders and co-occurring mental health conditions. Its policies and provisions will continue to embrace prevention, treatment, and a pathway to recovery.

"We're in the middle of an opioid public health emergency, with substance use disorders affecting nearly 50 million people aged 12 and older and one in five Americans experiencing a mental health condition each year," said Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness (ABHW) President and CEO Debbie Witchey. "The SUPPORT Act is a solution that will provide key community-based treatment and recovery programs to help individuals receive lifesaving substance use disorder treatment and continue to reduce overdose deaths. We urge the House to pass the SUPPORT Act today and for the Senate to follow suit and reauthorize the SUPPORT Act to help people get access to the treatment they need."

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ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

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 that care for 200 million people. Together, we work to reduce stigma and advance federal policy on mental health and substance use disorder care. ABHW member companies – Aetna, a CVS Health Company; CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield; Caredon Behavioral Health, an Elevance Health Company; Centene Corporation; Evernorth; Kaiser Permanente; Lucet; Magellan Health; Molina Healthcare; Optum; and PerformCare, a subsidiary of AmeriHealth Caritas. To learn more, visit www.abhw.org and follow us on [X](#) and [LinkedIn](#).