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Patrick J. Kennedy to Address National Business Group on Health - Business Health Agenda Conference April 20

Washington, D.C. / April 20, 2018 – The National Business Group on Health® will host its Business Health Agenda conference April 18 – 20 at the JW Marriott in Washington, D.C. Patrick J. Kennedy, former Rhode Island Congressman and international advocate for parity in mental health and substance use disorder treatment, will deliver the closing headliner address Friday, April 20 to discuss improvements to mental health care and ways in which employers can better support employees.

According to its website, the conference theme, “Building A Better Health Care Experience,” will encompass three tracks, including innovation in health care and pharmacy delivery; public policy; and, for employers, benefits communications and engagement. Other scheduled featured speakers include Paul Misener, Vice President for Global Innovation Policy and Communications, Amazon; and Vice Admiral Jerome M. Adams, M.D., M.P.H, U.S. Surgeon General.

To learn more or to register, please visit <https://bha.businessgrouphealth.org/>

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About Patrick J. Kennedy:

Former Congressman Patrick J. Kennedy (D-R.I.) is a lifelong mental health advocate and former member of the President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis. He is the founder of The Kennedy Forum, a convening think tank tackling mental health and addiction issues and co-founder of One Mind, a global leader in open science collaboration for brain research. In 2015, he co-authored *A Common Struggle*, a New York Times best seller, which details his personal journey and provides a roadmap for the future of mental health policy. Mr. Kennedy is pushing for full enforcement of the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008. He was the lead sponsor of this groundbreaking legislation, which requires health plans cover mental health, eating disorder, and addiction care health benefits the same way they cover physical health benefits. To learn about Mr. Kennedy's efforts, please visit www.patrickjkennedy.net.