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**Patrick J. Kennedy a Featured Speaker at HLTH Event October 29**

**Las Vegas, Nev. / October 29, 2019** – HLTH, a health care industry event bringing together payers, providers, employers, pharma services, and more will take place October 27 - 30, 2019 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

Patrick J. Kennedy, former U.S. Representative (D-RI), lead sponsor of the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008, and founder of The Kennedy Forum and of DontDenyMe.org, will be a keynote speaker.

Kennedy will join One Mind co-founder Garen Staglin for a panel discussion taking place Tuesday, October 29 on “Making Mental Health Essential Health in the Workplace.” The session will examine the role businesses can play in addressing the mental health crisis.

According to HLTH, the event will host more than 6,000 attendees and aims to improve health and solve the most pressing problems facing health care today.

To register or for more information, visit <https://hlth.com/>.

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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](http://www.patrickjkennedy.net).