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Houston Business Coalition on Health Brings National Health and Policy Thought Leaders to Houston for April 14 Annual Employer Benefits Conference

HOUSTON – February 21, 2020 – The Houston Business Coalition on Health will host its [annual conference](#) for employers, health benefits professionals and other healthcare stakeholders on Tuesday, April 14 at the Post Oak Hilton Houston. ***Transparency: Clearing the Path to Value-based Purchasing*** is the theme for this year’s event that will feature presentations, panel discussions and workshops demonstrating that transparency in healthcare delivery is the tool that will allow wider stakeholder adoption of value-based purchasing strategies.

“This is the third year that we’re offering the opportunity for Houston area employers to hear and learn from nationally-relevant, purchaser-focused health benefit leaders,” said Chris Skisak, PhD, executive director for HBCH, a non-profit representing employer purchasers of healthcare. “We’re at a critical point in the status of our nation’s healthcare related to policy issues and it’s more important than ever for employers to take a seat at the table. The discussions and best practices that will be shared at our meeting offer invaluable insights to inform these conversations and negotiations.”

Speakers for the conference include:

- François de Brantes, Senior Vice President for Signify Health (formerly Remedy Partners)
- Erick Bricker, MD, Chief Medical Officer, AHealthcareZ
- Al Charbonneau, Executive Director, Rhode Island Business Group on Health
- James Dolan, PhD, Vice President, EY Parthenon
- James Gelfand, Senior VP for Health Policy, The ERISA Industry Committee (ERIC)
- Vivian Ho, PhD, Professor of Economics, Rice University
- Marty Makary, MD, Johns Hopkins Surgeon and Professor of Health Policy and Editor-in-chief, *Medpage Today*
- Mark Miller, Executive VP of Healthcare, Ardent Ventures and former MedPac senior official
- Susan Prochazka, JD, Director of Benefits and Human Resources Service Center, Rice University, and HBCH Board Chair
- Gloria Sachdev, PharmD, President & CEO, Employers’ Forum of Indiana
- Robert Smith, CEO, Colorado Business Group on Health

Additional details and registration information can be found on HBCH’s website:

https://houstonbch.org/HBCH_Conference_2020

About Houston Business Coalition on Health

The non-profit [Houston Business Coalition on Health](#) is the leading resource for Houston employers and their health services providers dedicated to providing health benefits at a sustainable cost while improving the quality and employee experience of their delivery through effective benefits design. With more than 70 members, HBCH represents 800,000 local and more than 2 million national employer-sponsored lives. HBCH a member of the National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions. For additional information visit our website houstonbch.org and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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