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NABIP's 35th Legislative Conference to Shape Health Policy and Advocacy

Washington, D.C. – The National Association of Benefits and Insurance Professionals (NABIP) will host its 35th Annual Capitol Conference, "Future Forward: Ignite Your Voice," on February 24-25, 2025, at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. This premier event brings together agents, policymakers, and industry leaders to address healthcare policy challenges, regulatory changes, and advocacy strategies shaping the future of the industry.

"Agents and brokers are vital to ensuring consumers have access to quality, affordable healthcare, and their collective voice shapes policies that protect both the market and the people we serve," said NABIP CEO Jessica Brooks-Woods. "This year's conference marks one year since NABIP introduced the Healthcare Bill of Rights, and we remain committed to advocating for policies that promote stability, fairness, and innovation. Attendees will gain insights into its progress and NABIP's ongoing efforts to protect healthcare consumers and brokers in a shifting policy landscape."

The Capitol Conference will feature a lineup of top speakers and expert panels, including:

- Keynote Speaker: Chris Cillizza Popular political analyst and former CNN Editor-at-Large, offering insights on the political landscape and its impact on healthcare policy.
- National Trends in Health Insurance Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner Glen Mulready provides an insider perspective on key policy and regulatory shifts.
- The Future of Employee Benefits Katy Johnson of the American Benefits Council explores emerging trends shaping employer-sponsored healthcare.
- State of Employer-Sponsored Healthcare James Gelfand, President of ERIC, and Shawn Gremminger, President of the National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions, analyze current challenges and future strategies.

Advocacy & Industry Focus

- Success of Model Prescription Drug Legislation: Discuss the impact of NABIP's model PBM legislation gaining momentum across states.
- State Public Option: Examine the public option's impact and strategies to counter its challenges.
- Medicare & the IRA: Unintended Consequences Explores the effects of Medicare reforms, including plan exits, fewer Part D carriers, and reduced agent compensation.
- Brokers Making a Difference NABIP's signature initiative spotlights brokers' vital role in helping consumers navigate complex healthcare decisions.

"As healthcare continues to evolve, agents and brokers play a critical role in shaping its future," said NABIP President Alycia Riedl. "Capitol Conference is our opportunity to come together, amplify our voices, and advocate for meaningful policy change. 'Future Forward' isn't just our theme—it's our mission and commitment to ensuring access, affordability, and choice remain at the forefront of healthcare policy for the individuals, families, and businesses we serve."

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