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## **HBCH Brings National Health Care and Policy Thought Leaders to Houston for April 16 Annual Conference**

*Benefits of Leadership conference convenes health care stakeholders including employer CEOs, national health advocates and economists, top Houston hospitals and health plans*

**HOUSTON – March 12, 2019** – The Houston Business Coalition on Health will host its [2<sup>nd</sup> annual conference](#) for employers, health benefits professionals and other health care stakeholders on Tuesday, April 16 at the Post Oak Hilton Houston.

The event will address the need for, and impact of, multi-stakeholder leadership required to improve the experience of care for patients and the health of our communities while reducing the unsustainable costs of care.

“We’re bringing to Houston area employers a nationally-relevant, purchaser-focused health benefits conference that is local and affordable,” said Chris Skisak, PhD, executive director for HBCH, a non-profit representing employer purchasers of health care. “The day will feature leading industry experts providing objective, timely and practical information on the latest research, trends and best practices critical to health care reform and business success.”

### **Speakers for the conference include:**

- Allen Baumgarten, Principal and Health Care Economist, Allen Baumgarten, LLC
- Leah Binder, CEO, The Leapfrog Group
- Mike Critelli, Retired CEO, Pitney Bowes
- Ray Fabius, MD, President & CMO, HealthNext
- James Gelfand, Sr. Vice President, The ERISA Industry Committee (ERIC)
- James Klein, President, American Benefits Council
- Al Lewis, CEO, Quizzify
- Thomas Parry, President & Founder, Integrated Benefits Institute
- Susan Prochazka, Director of Benefits, Rice University, and HBCH Board Chair
- Michael Thompson, President and CEO, National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions

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

[https://houstonbch.org/Overview\\_Final](https://houstonbch.org/Overview_Final)

### **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](http://houstonbch.org) and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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