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## **National Business Group on Health Honors 48 U.S. Employers With “*Best Employers for Healthy Lifestyles*” Awards**

### ***Five Employers Named to Prestigious List for First Time***

WASHINGTON, DC, September 27, 2017 – The National Business Group on Health last night recognized 48 U.S. employers for having the best workforce health and well-being programs in the nation. The honored employers, including five first-time winners, were presented with “2017 *Best Employers for Healthy Lifestyles*®” awards at the National Business Group on Health’s Workforce Strategy 2017 Conference.

Now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year, the *Best Employers for Healthy Lifestyles*® awards recognize employers with exceptional commitment to improving their employees’ physical and emotional health and well-being, productivity and overall quality of life. The awards program incorporates a wide range of well-being contributors including job satisfaction, community involvement, financial security, emotional health and social connectedness.

Brian Marcotte, President and CEO of the National Business Group on Health, commented: “We are delighted to recognize these 48 companies for their innovative and unique approaches to employee, family and community health and well-being. This is truly an elite group of organizations who are embracing well-being as an important part of their workforce strategy and working to construct a culture that promotes productivity, engagement and happiness for their employees and families. We congratulate all of them and their leaders.”

LuAnn Heinen, a vice president of the National Business Group on Health who has overseen the awards program since its inception, commented: “On behalf of the entire Business Group, we are thrilled to honor and recognize these companies for their commitment and dedication to the health and well-being of employees and families. These companies are true leaders and innovators in how to sustain healthy work environments, promoting well-being and engagement.”

Winners of the 2017 *Best Employers for Healthy Lifestyles*® awards include:

- **16 Platinum**, for employers that have a workforce well-being strategy in place with demonstrated results;
- **18 Gold**, for organizations with a strong commitment to holistic well-being and related metrics;
- **14 Silver**, for organizations with emerging well-being strategies, often with a focus on physical health.

The winners in each category are:

**PLATINUM**

Aetna  
Aramark  
Chevron\*  
CNO Financial Group  
Delta Air Lines  
Geisinger  
Humana Inc.  
JPMorgan Chase & Co.  
Kaiser Permanente  
Marriott International  
OhioHealth  
Paychex, Inc.  
Texas Health Resources  
The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company  
The Hartford  
UnitedHealth Group

**GOLD**

AbbVie\*  
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama  
Booz Allen Hamilton  
BP  
Carolinas HealthCare System  
Cerner Corporation  
Eaton  
Erie Insurance  
FCA US LLC  
Health Care Service Corporation  
JLL  
Medtronic  
Merck & Co. Inc.  
Mercy  
Mission Health System\*  
Raytheon Company  
The Nielsen Company  
Wespath Benefits and Investments

**SILVER**

AT&T  
BNY Mellon  
Compass Group USA, Inc.  
CVS Health  
DaVita, Inc.\*  
Fidelity Investments  
Ingersoll Rand  
Nestlé  
NextEra Energy, Inc.  
PepsiCo, Inc.  
Target Corporation  
Teva Pharmaceuticals USA  
The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.\*  
Verizon

\*denotes first time winner

The National Business Group on Health presented *Special Recognition* awards to JP Morgan Chase & Co. Inc for emotional health; BP for financial security; and CNO Financial Group for community involvement.

*Global Distinction Awards* were presented to American Express (Mexico), Chevron (Australia) and Merck & Co. Inc. (Canada).

**About the National Business Group on Health®**

The National Business Group on Health is the nation's only non-profit organization devoted exclusively to representing large employers' perspective on national health policy issues and helping companies optimize business performance through health improvement, innovation and health care management.

The Business Group's mission is to keep its membership on the leading edge of innovation, thinking and action to address health care cost and the delivery, financing, affordability and consumer experience with the health care system. Business Group members, which include 73 Fortune 100 companies, provide health coverage for more than 50 million U.S. workers, retirees and their families. For more information, visit [www.businessgrouphealth.org](http://www.businessgrouphealth.org).