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## Seaside Healthcare Acquires Access Mental Health Agency of Georgia

**SHREVEPORT, LA:** Louisiana based Seaside Healthcare, a behavioral healthcare service corporation, has announced the acquisition of ACCESS MHA of Georgia, a behavioral health company established in 2008 and providing services through offices in Savannah and Atlanta, Georgia. Franklin Roemer, CEO and co-founder of Seaside Healthcare announced the acquisition which was completed August 15, 2017. Roemer commented, "Having served the people of Louisiana with excellence in Behavioral Health services for nearly a decade and recognizing the close similarity in the "patient first", high quality, community-based mental health service delivery approach of Seaside Healthcare and Access, MHA, this acquisition is a positive one for both organizations and the people Access serves."

Entering into services in Georgia through Access MHA, Seaside Healthcare shares with Access, MHA its focus on providing evidence based treatment services that are compliant with all state and national regulations for mental healthcare delivery. Seaside's goal is to provide community based treatment in the least restrictive environment for patients and their families. As a large deliverer of mental health services in Louisiana, Seaside has the resources to ensure the ongoing success of Access, MHA which has served the people of Georgia for almost a decade.

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Roemer further remarked on the Access MHA organization becoming part of the Seaside Healthcare family, "With philosophies in common, Access, MHA joins the behavioral healthcare family of Seaside with a common mission, that of helping people and communities minimize the impact of mental health disease and maximize opportunities for positive and successful living for both the patient and their family members."

Access, MHA, as a community based mental health and substance provider, delivers its services to children, adolescents and adults with mental illness and substance abuse disorders. The Access organization is comprised of a highly skilled and experienced team of physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, registered nurses, licensed therapists, certified substance abuse and mental health professionals, social workers, educators and mentors.

As part of the Seaside Healthcare family, Access, MHA and its Georgia network of providers will continue to deliver mental health services statewide without interruption and will continue to operate under the name Access MHA, a member of Seaside Healthcare.

Seaside Healthcare is a dynamic and growing organization that is currently expanding its mental healthcare delivery system across the south through acquisitions and new site development. More information on Seaside Healthcare can be found through their website at <u>www.seasidehc.com</u> and on Access, MHA at www.access-mha.com

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