2026 Fall National Meeting
Dallas, Texas

HEALTH CARE AFFORDABILITY AND MITIGATION (B) WORKING GROUP
Sunday, November 15, 2026
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Summary Report

The Health Care Affordability and Mitigation (B) Working Group met Nov. 15, 2026. During this meeting, the Working Group:

1. Adopted its Summer National Meeting minutes (*see NAIC Proceedings – Summer 2026, Health Insurance and Managed Care (B) Committee, Attachment Three)*.

2. Adopted *State Options for Reducing Health Insurance Costs*. The document is intended to educate state insurance regulators and other stakeholders on six topics related to health insurance affordability.

3. Heard a presentation from the Arthritis Foundation on how health care affordability affects consumers. The presentation shared statistics on consumer experiences with price transparency and recommended actions for state insurance regulators.

4. Discussed its 2027 work plan. Working Group members emphasized the continuing importance of prior authorization (PA) and gathering additional data, while interested parties suggested attention to coding intensity and access to care.