2026 Fall National Meeting
Dallas, Texas

PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE (B) WORKING GROUP
Sunday, November 15, 2026
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Summary Report

The Prescription Drug Coverage (B) Working Group met Nov. 15, 2026. During this meeting, the Working Group:

1. Adopted its Summer National Meeting minutes, during which it met in joint session with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA) (B) Working Group (*see NAIC Proceedings – Summer 2026, Regulatory Framework (B) Task Force, Attachment Three*).

2. Adopted its Oct. 5 minutes. During this meeting, the Working Group took the following action:
   A. Heard presentations on prior authorization (PA) for prescription drugs from the pharmacy benefit perspective, the plan perspective, and the consumer perspective. Each presenter discussed from their perspective how PA integrates with their work and the differences between medical and pharmacy benefits. The goal of the presentations was to help state insurance regulators identify opportunities to reduce friction and improve patient access in the PA process for prescription drugs through reforms, technology, or regulatory alignment.

3. Heard presentations from the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) and Texas Star Healthcare Consulting on group purchasing organizations (GPOs). The presentations defined GPOs and described how pharmaceutical manufacturers and other entities in the prescription drug distribution system work with GPOs.

4. Discussed updating a chart on state pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) licensing and registration laws. The Working Group chair requested that Working Group members and interested regulators review the chart and send any updates to NAIC committee support.