Meeting Summary Report

The Health Insurance and Managed Care (B) Committee met Dec. 15, 2021. During this meeting, the Committee:

1. Adopted its Summer National Meeting minutes.

2. Adopted the report of the Consumer Information (B) Subgroup, which met Dec. 2, Oct. 20, Oct. 14, and Aug. 24. During these meetings, the Subgroup took the following action:
   A. Adopted claims process-related guides; i.e., appeals process, medical necessity, explanation of benefits (EOBs), claims filing, and billing codes and claims.
   B. Adopted updates to the “Frequently Asked Questions about Health Care Reform” document.
   C. Adopted a consumer-facing brief, “New Protections Against Surprise Medical Bills,” on balance billing.

3. Adopted the report of the Health Innovations (B) Working Group, which met Dec. 11 and Nov. 7. During these meetings, the Working Group took the following action:
   A. Heard presentations related to its charges from the Special (EX) Committee on Race and Insurance on issues related to telehealth, alternative payment models, and their impacts on health disparities.
   B. Heard a presentation on using state rate review authority to limit premium growth.
   C. Heard a presentation on state policy considerations with enhanced premium tax credits.
   D. Heard a presentation from Consumers’ Checkbook on ways to make health care price information relevant and understandable for consumers.

4. Adopted the report of the Health Actuarial (B) Task Force.

5. Adopted the report of the Regulatory Framework (B) Task Force.

6. Adopted the report of the Senior Issues (B) Task Force.

7. Adopted its 2022 proposed charges.

8. Adopted its task forces’ 2022 proposed charges.

9. Heard an update from the Biden administration on its federal legislative and administrative initiatives and priorities. The update included a discussion of the administration’s plans on working with the states with respect to the implementation and enforcement of the provider provisions of the federal No Surprises Act (NSA).

10. Discussed its work on developing guidance documents for state insurance departments to use as part of their outreach efforts to providers and consumers on the NSA.
11. Heard a presentation on the Kaiser Family Foundation’s (KFF’s) summary findings from its 2021 Employer Health Benefits Survey (EHBS).

12. Heard an update on the work of the Special (EX) Committee on Race and Insurance Workstream Five’s work since its last update to the Committee during its meeting at the Summer National Meeting. The Workstream met Dec. 3, Nov. 18, Oct. 14, Sept. 9, and Aug. 26. During these meetings, the Workstream discussed and considered revisions to its “Principles for Data Collection” document. The Workstream also discussed and released a draft outline for its proposed white paper on provider networks, provider directories, and cultural competency for a public comment period ending Nov. 8. The Workstream plans to meet Dec. 20 to consider final revisions to the “Principles for Data Collection” document and, if finalized, forward the document to the Special Committee for its consideration.