Meeting Summary Report

The Health Insurance and Managed Care (B) Committee met Aug. 16, 2021. During this meeting, the Committee:

1. Adopted its June 22 and Spring National Meeting minutes. During its June 22 meeting, the Committee adopted the [State] Pharmacy Benefit Manager Licensure and Regulation Model Act (PBM Model). The Executive (EX) Committee and Plenary will consider adoption of the PBM Model at the Summer National Meeting.

2. Adopted the report of the Consumer Information (B) Subgroup, which met July 1 and May 25. During these meetings, the Subgroup took the following action:
   A. Discussed a plan to complete several short consumer guides on the claims process.
   B. Discussed draft claims process-related guides—appeals process, medical necessity, explanation of benefits (EOBs), claims filing and billing codes and claims. The Subgroup agreed to consider and make edits to the guides over the next few weeks. Following completion of the edits, the Subgroup anticipates conducting an e-vote of the Subgroup members after the Summer National Meeting to consider adoption of the guides.

3. Adopted the report of the Health Innovations (B) Working Group, which met July 27. During this meeting, the Working Group took the following action:
   A. Adopted its Spring National Meeting minutes.
   B. Discussed its approach to fulfilling charges received from the Special (EX) Committee on Race and Insurance.
   C. Heard presentations on hospital price transparency requirements from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Center on Medicare and on insurer price transparency requirements from the CMS Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO).
   D. Heard a presentation from FAIR Health on its research and resources related to health care price transparency.
   E. 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 Regulatory Framework (B) Task Force.

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

6. Heard a presentation from the Biden Administration on the Administration’s federal legislative and administrative initiatives and priorities. The presentation 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).
7. Heard from a representative of the American Hospital Association (AHA), a representative of the American Medical Association (AMA) and a representative of the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMBs) regarding the implementation and enforcement of the NSA’s provider requirements.

8. 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 Spring National Meeting. The Workstream met July 8 and June 10. During these meetings, the Workstream discussed data collection issues and provider network, provider directories and cultural competency. Based on its discussions on data collection, the Workstream released a draft best practices document for a public comment period ending Aug. 19. The Workstream plans to discuss any comments received on the draft document during its Aug. 26 meeting. The Workstream anticipates developing a similar best practices document on provider network, provider directories and cultural competency.