Meeting Summary Report

The Senior Issues (B) Task Force met Dec. 7, 2019. During this meeting, the Task Force:

1. Adopted its Oct. 16, Sept. 24 and Summer National Meeting minutes, which included the following action:
   a. Adopted a letter to the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
   b. Adopted its 2020 proposed charges.

2. Heard an update on federal funding for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP).

3. Heard about a legislative proposal drafted by U.S. Senator Pat Toomey (PA), which is based upon one of the long-term care (LTC) policy option recommendations adopted by the Task Force that would allow for retirement account dollars to be used to buy long-term care insurance (LTCI) so families can better plan for long-term services and supports (LTSS) needs.

4. Heard an issue raised by Bonnie Burns (California Health Advocates—CHA) about conflicts between Medicare, the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 (COBRA), and the Coordination of Benefits Model Regulation (#120).