Meeting Summary Report

The Senior Issues (B) Task Force met Aug. 10, 2022. During this meeting, the Task Force:

1. Adopted its June 7, May 11, and Spring National Meeting minutes, which included the following action:
   A. Adopted a letter asking the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to: 1) ensure there will be coordination between the CMS and the U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA) should the proposed rule to simplify Medicare enrollment and expand access be made final and implemented; and 2) work with state insurance regulators to minimize any possible gaps in coverage for beneficiaries.
   B. Discussed the CMS’s Proposed Rule on Medicare Enrollment.

2. Heard a discussion about Medicare Part D beneficiaries being crosswalked from one Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) to another. The Task Force agreed to reach out to the CMS.

3. Heard a discussion on a conflict between Medicare and the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA) rules that has led to some confusion about which system, which set of rules governs eligibility for coverage, and how the responsibility for payment of health care benefits for eligible individuals is determined. The Task Force agreed to hold a meeting solely on this issue with invited stakeholders.

4. Heard a discussion on the status and future of the Long-Term Care Insurance Model Update (B) Subgroup, and the Task Force agreed to disband the Subgroup.

5. The chair informed the Task Force that she received a response the previous night from the CMS to the Task Force regarding a letter sent on March 17 regarding durable medical equipment (DME) suppliers, and she informed the Task Force that the CMS response has been posted on the Task Force web page and sent to Task Force members, interested state insurance regulators, and interested parties.