2026 Fall National Meeting
Dallas, Texas

REGULATORY FRAMEWORK (B) TASK FORCE
Monday, November 16, 2026
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Summary Report

The Regulatory Framework (B) Task Force met Nov. 16, 2026. During this meeting, the Task Force:

1. Adopted its Oct. 29 minutes. During this meeting, the Task Force took the following action:
   A. Adopted its 2027 proposed charges and its working groups' 2027 proposed charges.

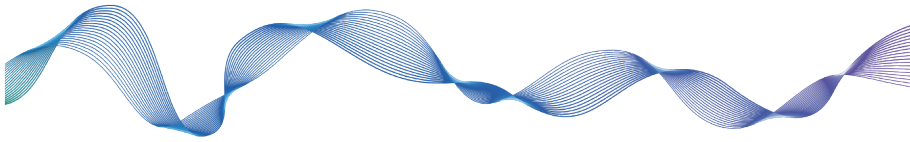
2. Adopted its Aug. 31 minutes. During this meeting, the Task Force took the following action:
   A. Held a question-and-answer (Q&A) session with the speakers and panelists from its June 29 meeting during which the Task Force heard an update on the industry's progress on its prior authorization (PA) reform initiative announced last year.
   B. Heard presentations on PA reform from the NAIC consumer representatives, the American Hospital Association (AHA), and the American Medical Association (AMA).

3. Adopted its Summer National Meeting minutes (*see NAIC Proceedings – Summer 2026, Regulatory Framework (B) Task Force*).

4. Adopted the report of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) and Alternative Health Coverage (B) Working Group, which met Nov. 14 in regulator-to-regulator session, pursuant to paragraph 2 (pending investigations), paragraph 3 (specific companies, entities, or individuals), and paragraph 8 (consideration of strategic planning issues) of the NAIC Policy Statement on Open Meetings.

5. Adopted the report of the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA) (B) Working Group.

6. Adopted the report of the Prescription Drug Coverage (B) Working Group, which met Nov. 15. During this meeting, the Working Group took the following action:
   A. Adopted its Summer National Meeting minutes, during which it met in joint session with the MHPAEA (B) Working Group (*see NAIC Proceedings – Spring 2026, Regulatory Framework (B) Task Force, Attachment Two*).
   B. Adopted its Oct. 5 minutes. During this meeting, the Working Group took the following action:
      i. Heard presentations on PA for prescription drugs from the pharmacy benefit perspective, the plan perspective, and the consumer perspective.
   C. Heard presentations on group purchasing organizations (GPOs) from the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) and Texas Star Healthcare Consulting. The presentations



defined GPOs and described how pharmaceutical manufacturers and other entities in the prescription drug distribution system work with GPOs.

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

7. Heard presentations from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association (BCBSA), the American Hospital Association (AHA), and NAIC consumer representatives on claims coding issues related to the possible use of artificial intelligence (AI)-enabled documentation tools to optimize reimbursement, particularly for complex cases.

8. Reviewed its past work on PA and discussed its next steps on PA moving forward. After discussion, the Task Force reached a consensus to form a PA working group when it is reappointed in 2027.