

American Academy of Actuaries Health Practice Council Spring 2022 Updates

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March 29, 2022—NAIC Health Actuarial (B) Task Force (HATF) Meeting

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Health Practice Council—Key Policy Priorities for 2022

- Health Equity
- COVID-19: Implications for Health Care Utilization and Spending
- Insurance Coverage
- Long-Term Care
- Medicare Sustainability
- Payment and Delivery Reform
- Climate Change and Health



Health Equity

- Discussion Briefs:
 - [Health Equity From an Actuarial Perspective \(2021\)](#)
 - [Health Equity and Premium Pricing \(2021\)](#)
 - [Health Equity and Health Plan Benefit Design \(2021\)](#)
 - [Health Equity and Provider Contracting/Network Development \(2021\)](#)
 - [Health Equity and Managing Population Health \(2021\)](#)
 - Data Collection for Measurement of Health Disparities (forthcoming)
- Comment Letters:
 - [Comment letter](#) to the Colorado Division of Insurance on the implementation of Colorado Revised Statute (C.R.S.)§ 10-3-1104.9. The law prohibits unfair discrimination based on certain personal characteristics—race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, disability, gender identity, or gender expression—in any insurer practice. It also prohibits the use of external data, algorithms, or predictive models that unfairly discriminate against individuals with these characteristics. (2022)
- [Request for Information \(RFI\) on Assessing Whether or How Actuarial Practices Affect Health Disparities \(2022\)](#)



COVID-19: Implications for Health Care Utilization and Spending

- Issue Briefs / Papers:
 - ▣ *Considerations for Reflecting the Impact of COVID-19 in Medicaid Managed Care Plan Rate Setting (2021)*



Health Insurance Coverage

- Issue Briefs:
 - Drivers of 2023 Health Insurance Premium Changes ([forthcoming](#))
- Comment Letters:
 - [Comments on Draft 2023 Actuarial Value \(AV\) Calculator Methodology \(2022\)](#)
 - [Comments on 2023 Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters \(NBPP\) \(2022\)](#)
 - [Comment Letter to CMS/CCIIO on Exposure Draft of Risk Adjustment Technical Paper \(2021\)](#)
 - [Comments to HHS, DOL, and the Treasury on the No Surprises Act \(2021\)](#)



Long-Term Care

- Comment Letters
 - [Comment letter](#) to CMS on the Proposed Rule for the 2023 Policy and Technical Changes to the Medicare Advantage and Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Programs (comments involved D-SNPs and MLRs) (2022)
- Reports
 - [Long-Term Care Insurance Mortality and Lapse Study](#) (2021)
 - Request from NAIC Long-Term Care Actuarial Working Group (LTCAWG)
 - [Presentation](#) to NAIC HATF in November 2021; discussion with NAIC LTCAWG in March 2023



Medicare Sustainability

- Statements/Testimony
 - ▣ [Statement for the Record](#) to the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance Subcommittee on fiscal responsibility and economic growth on the Hospital Insurance Trust Fund and the future of Medicare financing (2022)



Payment and Delivery Reform

- Issue Briefs / Paper
 - [Issue Brief on Hospital Price Variation \(2022\)](#)
- Comment Letters
 - [Comments on 2023 Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters \(NBPP\) \(2022\)](#)
 - [Comments to CMS on Payment Parameters Proposed Rule \(2021\)](#)



Climate Change and Health

- In November of 2021, the Academy launched the Climate Change Joint Task Force
 - ▣ Membership is comprised of the Health Practice Council (HPC), the Casualty Practice Council (CPC), and the Risk Management and Financial Reporting Council (RMFRC)
- Comment Letters
 - ▣ [Comment letter](#) to the RFI from the U.S. Department of the Treasury and FIO on Climate-Related Financial Risk and the Insurance Sector (2021)—and forthcoming to the Department of Labor on Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG)



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HPC NAIC Workstreams—HATF

- Health Actuarial (B) Task Force (HATF)
 - Request for comments on proposal to modify the definition of “actuarial assets” as used in the instructions for the Health Statement of Actuarial Opinion (SAO)
 - [April](#) and [May](#) 2021 Academy comment letters
 - March 2, 2022, NAIC HATF meeting to finalize language within the Health SAO



HPC NAIC Workstreams—HRBC

- Health Risk-Based Capital (E) Working Group (HRBC)
 - Request for Comprehensive Review of the H2—
Underwriting Risk Component and Managed Care Credit
Calculation in the Health
Risk-Based Capital Formula
 - [July 2021](#) Academy comment letter
 - [January 2022](#) Academy report
 - Exposed for comments by NAIC HRBC until March 16, 2022; comments discussed on March 18 HRBC call. HRBC has asked whether an educational presentation by the rating agency would be possible to the Working Group.



HPC NAIC Workstreams—LTC (EX)

- NAIC Long-Term Care Insurance (EX) Task Force Long-term Care Insurance MSA Framework. Academy comments on:
 - ▣ [Long-Term Care Insurance \(LTCI\) Multistate Rate Review Framework](#)
 - ▣ [Actuarial Sections](#)
 - ▣ [Operational and Actuarial Sections, Sept. 2021 Exposures](#)
- Long-Term Care Insurance Reduced Benefit Options (EX) Subgroup
 - ▣ [Academy comments](#) on exposure draft, *Issues Related to LTC Wellness Benefits*



HPC NAIC Workstreams—LTCAWG

- NAIC Long-Term Care Actuarial (B) Working Group
- Long-Term Care Insurance Mortality and Lapse Study
 - Original request from the NAIC LTCAWG
 - [Report](#) released November 2021
 - Developed by the Long-Term Care Valuation Work Group of the American Academy of Actuaries and the Society of Actuaries Research Institute
 - [Presentation](#) to NAIC HATF in November 2021
 - Discussion during March 9, 2022, NAIC LTCAWG meeting. NAIC will contact Academy on next steps on the potential use of more recent data for an updated report



2022 HPC Hill Visits (virtual)

- Thursday, March 10, and Friday, March 11, 2022
- 19 meetings via zoom; over 20 Academy volunteers
- Issues discussed included Medicaid and the unwinding of the public health emergency, Medicare program sustainability, health equity, telehealth, COVID-19, price transparency, prescription drug prices, LTC, and the Affordable Care Act (ACA)



Academy 2022 Annual Meeting and Public Policy Forum

- American Academy of Actuaries 2022 “Annual Meeting and Public Policy Forum” in Washington, DC
- TBA - October or early November 2022



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