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**Schedules: White House and Congress**

**WHITE HOUSE**

- 11am: President Trump presents Medal of Freedom to Jim Ryun
- 3pm: Trump delivers remarks, signs executive orders on lowering drug prices
- 4:30pm: Trump departs White House for his golf resort in Bedminster, N.J.

**CONGRESS**

- House meets at 9am; set to consider H.R. 7608, appropriations bill
- Senate returns Monday at 4pm

**Congressional, Health Policy, and Political News**

- **Bloomberg Government: Appropriations**: The House is scheduled to vote on its first package of fiscal 2021 appropriations bills (H.R. 7608), including the Agriculture-FDA, Interior-Environment, Military Construction-Veterans Affairs, and State-Foreign Operations bills.
  - Lawmakers voted yesterday 223-194 to add a package of amendments that would:
    - Bar the U.S. from withdrawing from NATO or from the World Health Organization;
    - Emphasize the need for a binational coronavirus testing strategy with Mexico;
    - Bar the State Department from promoting the sale or export of e-cigarettes; and
    - Block officials from using the Defense Production Act to keep meat and poultry processing facilities operational during the coronavirus emergency.
  - Members also agreed via voice vote to add another collection of amendments that would:
    - Increase nutrition aid to Puerto Rico by $528.6 million;
    - Expand oversight of state-run veterans' homes that may be affected by the coronavirus pandemic; and
    - Encourage the Department of Veterans Affairs to study the effect of the coronavirus on veterans who have been exposed to burn pits and other airborne hazards.
• Becker’s Hospital Review: HHS renews public health emergency; 5 states see record daily increases — 4 COVID-19 updates: The U.S. recorded nearly 70,000 new COVID-19 cases July 23, surpassing 4 million total cases nationwide, according to data from The New York Times. July 23 was also the third consecutive day more than 1,000 virus deaths were recorded.

• Bloomberg Government: Senate Passes Bill Banning Banks From Garnishing Stimulus Checks: The Senate passed legislation that would prevent banks and creditors from garnishing stimulus payments when they are directly deposited into recipients accounts. The bill would fix a problem lawmakers identified after the CARES Act that banks could use the payments from their customers to pay past debts.

• The Hill: Trump Likely To Sign Executive Orders On Drug Pricing Friday: President Trump is likely to sign executive orders on Friday aimed at lowering drug prices, elevating a key issue for voters in an election year. While the plans could shift at the last minute, some GOP lawmakers have been invited to a presidential event on drug pricing Friday at 3 p.m. at the White House in the South Court Auditorium to make the announcement, according to an invitation obtained by The Hill.