

# American Nephrology Nurses Association

Daily Capitol Hill Update - Tuesday, August 24, 2021

The following information comes from directly from news sources including Bloomberg Government, Kaiser Health News, and other news sources.

## Schedules: White House and Congress

### WHITE HOUSE

- Biden will meet at 8:30 a.m. with his national security team to hear updates on Afghanistan.
- Biden then meets at 9:30 a.m. virtually with Group of Seven leaders to discuss coordination on Afghanistan policy, evacuations, and aid.
- At noon, Biden is scheduled to deliver remarks on the ongoing efforts in Afghanistan.

### CONGRESS:

- Out of Session

## Congressional, Health Policy, and Political News

- **Bloomberg Government: House Clears Budget Documents Bill:** The House last night passed legislation that would require federal agencies to post budget justification documents they prepare online and list them on a central website. The Senate passed the bill, called the "Congressional Budget Justification Transparency Act," on June 24. House passage sends the measure to Biden.
- **The Hill: House Democrats Punt Key Vote On Budget To Tuesday:** Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and her leadership team struggled to round up the votes to move forward with a strategy to enact President Biden's multi-trillion-dollar domestic agenda, ultimately opting to punt a key procedural vote until Tuesday. After hours of negotiations, Pelosi late on Monday night failed to strike a deal with the leaders of a 10-member bloc of centrists who are demanding a vote on the Senate-passed bipartisan infrastructure bill before considering a budget resolution that paves the way for a \$3.5 trillion spending plan to expand social support programs and combat climate change.
- **Stat: FDA, Drug Makers Propose Pilots Aimed At Speeding Rare Disease Drugs:** The Food and Drug Administration and the drug industry have jointly agreed to create several new pilot programs aimed at speeding drugs to market for rare or previously untreatable conditions. The agreement announced Monday lays out the improvements the FDA will make in exchange for the millions of dollars it receives from drug makers who pay fees when the agency reviews their applications for new drug approvals. The industry and FDA negotiated the agreement throughout the fall and winter as part of a scheduled update to a joint agreement from five years ago.

- **Bloomberg Government: FDA, Brand-Name Drugmakers Agree on User Fees:** The pharmaceutical industry and the FDA have reached an agreement on the next round of user fees, teeing up for Congress must-pass legislation to renew the fees that help fund the agency. The commitment letter released yesterday marks a critical milestone in setting up fees the industry will pay the FDA for the seventh authorization of the Prescription Drug User Fee Act.
- **The Wall Street Journal: FDA Gives Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 Vaccine Full Approval:** Of the three authorized vaccines in the U.S., only Pfizer had submitted all the required information to the FDA for full approval, according to the companies, and analysts expected it to be the first to receive clearance. Moderna, whose authorized two-dose shot uses similar mRNA technology as the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, has said it is still completing rolling data submissions. Johnson & Johnson, whose shot was authorized in February, has said it plans to file for full approval later this year.