HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: October 10, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate is not in session.
- The House is not in session.

Health policy update:

- Drug pricing and Inflation Reduction Act-related items
- Nurse staffing


- Colon cancer-related items

- Organ donation and transplantation items
  - Still looking for House Oversight report
  - No new items

- Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items

- Physical rehabilitation
  - No new items

- Hospital and physician payment-related items


o **Becker’s Hospital Review:** At least half of healthcare administrative spending is wasteful, report says - [https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/finance/at-least-half-of-healthcare-administrative-spending-is-wasteful-report-says.html](https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/finance/at-least-half-of-healthcare-administrative-spending-is-wasteful-report-says.html)


- **Nursing home quality initiative**
  
  o **McKnihts Senior Living:** Bill would use CMS’s Five-Star system to punish consistently 1-star nursing homes - [https://www.mcknights.com/news/bill-would-use-cms-five-star-system-to-punish-consistently-1-star-nursing-homes/](https://www.mcknights.com/news/bill-would-use-cms-five-star-system-to-punish-consistently-1-star-nursing-homes/)

- **Health equity-related items**
  
  o **No new items**

- **Hospital merger news**
  
  o **No new items**