HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: October 11, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate convenes at 11 a.m. Following morning business, the chamber will proceed to the immediate consideration of the fiscal 2023 defense authorization (HR 7900) and adjourn following remarks by Sen. Reed, D-R.I. No legislative action is expected.
  - Bills:
    - HR 7900 — Fiscal 2023 Defense Authorization
- The House meets in a pro-forma session.

Health policy update:

- Drug pricing and Inflation Reduction Act-related items
- Nurse staffing
- Colon cancer-related items
- CNN: A colonoscopy study has some wondering if they should have the procedure. What you should know - [https://www.cnn.com/2022/10/10/health/colonoscopy-study-q-and-a-wellness/index.html](https://www.cnn.com/2022/10/10/health/colonoscopy-study-q-and-a-wellness/index.html)

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

- Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items
  - No new items

- Physical rehabilitation
  - No new items

- Hospital and physician payment-related items
  - Forbes: Medicare Premiums Drop In 2023, But That’s Not The Full Story - [https://www.google.com/search?q=medicare&rlz=1C1GCEA_enUS1008US1008&tbm=nws&source=Int&tbs=qdr:d&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwivuMXmqNj6AhVwD1kFHRnVB-gQpwV6BAgCEBY&biw=1920&bih=969&dpr=1](https://www.google.com/search?q=medicare&rlz=1C1GCEA_enUS1008US1008&tbm=nws&source=Int&tbs=qdr:d&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwivuMXmqNj6AhVwD1kFHRnVB-gQpwV6BAgCEBY&biw=1920&bih=969&dpr=1)
  - Becker’s Hospital Review: How payers have exploited Medicare Advantage - [https://www.beckerspayer.com/payer/how-payers-have-exploited-medicare-advantage.html](https://www.beckerspayer.com/payer/how-payers-have-exploited-medicare-advantage.html)

- Nursing home quality initiative

- **Skilled Nursing News:** More Nursing Homes Look for Upside by Plugging Into Medicare Advantage - [https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/10/more-nursing-homes-look-for-upside-by-plugging-into-medicare-advantage/?euid=e0557ca2d3&utm_source=snn-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=6e8e024145&mc_cid=6e8e024145&mc_eid=e0557ca2d3](https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/10/more-nursing-homes-look-for-upside-by-plugging-into-medicare-advantage/?euid=e0557ca2d3&utm_source=snn-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=6e8e024145&mc_cid=6e8e024145&mc_eid=e0557ca2d3)


- **Health equity-related items**

- **Hospital merger news**