

HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: October 12, 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
 - Office of Representative David Cicilline (Press Release): Cicilline, DaSilva Highlight Health Care Wins in the Inflation Reduction Act - <https://cicilline.house.gov/press-release/cicilline-dasilva-highlight-health-care-wins-in-the-inflation-reduction-act>
- Nurse staffing
 - Skilled Nursing News: Nursing Home Workforce, Medicare Advantage, Therapy Pay in Focus on Capitol Hill - https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/10/nursing-home-workforce-medicare-advantage-therapy-pay-in-focus-on-capitol-hill/?euid=e0557ca2d3&utm_source=snn-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2a0a12f747&mc_cid=2a0a12f747&mc_eid=e0557ca2d3
 - Health Leaders: The Way Forward: Coronavirus Remains Focal Point For Healthcare Organizations - <https://www.healthleadersmedia.com/clinical-care/way-forward-coronavirus-remains-focal-point-healthcare-organizations>
 - McKnights Senior Living: Business of long-term care ‘has never been worse’ as occupancy, staffing challenges continue - <https://www.mcknightsseniorliving.com/home/news/business-of-long-term-care-has-never-been-worse-as-occupancy-staffing-challenges-continue/>
 - McKnights Senior Living: In ‘transition,’ CMS asks providers to weigh in on key rules - <https://www.mcknights.com/news/in-transition-cms-asks-providers-to-weigh-in-on-key-rules/>
- Colon cancer-related items
 - Forbes: Ignore The Headlines: Some Kind Of Colorectal Screening Is Essential To Reducing Deaths - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/joshuacohen/2022/10/11/lost-in-translation-in-rct-colonoscopy-study-some-kind-of-colorectal-cancer-screening-is-essential-to-lower-mortality-rates/?sh=412709a130d6>

- Organ donation and transplantation items
 - Still looking for House Oversight report
 - MedPage Today (Opinion): The Kidney Transplant Ecosystem Is Ripe for Reform - <https://www.medpagetoday.com/opinion/second-opinions/101161>
 - Healio: Higher rate of bone, joint infections found in kidney-pancreas transplant recipients - <https://www.healio.com/news/nephrology/20221012/higher-rate-of-bone-joint-infections-found-in-kidneypancreas-transplant-recipients>

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

- Physical rehabilitation
 - No new items

- Hospital and physician payment-related items
 - Bloomberg: Health Care Briefing: Medicaid, Telehealth Limbo on Horizon - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RJMXUDT1UM0W>
 - Bloomberg: Medicaid, Telehealth Fallout: Ending Covid Emergency Explained - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RJMTSOT0G1L2>
 - The Hill: New rule opens ObamaCare subsidies to more families seeking coverage - <https://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/3683458-new-rule-opens-obamacare-subsidies-to-more-families-seeking-coverage/>
 - Politico: Health care inflation is coming for Biden - <https://www.politico.com/news/2022/10/12/health-care-inflation-biden-00060720>
 - Stat News: Even as large health systems bleed money, children's hospitals are faring well - <https://www.statnews.com/2022/10/11/even-as-large-health-systems-bleed-money-childrens-hospitals-are-faring-well/>
 - Inside Health Policy: Health Experts Float Exchange Tweaks Leveraging \$0 Premium Plans - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/health-experts-float-exchange-tweaks-leveraging-0-premium-plans>
 - Health Leaders: Large Health Systems Are Being Called Out For Lack Of Price Transparency - <https://www.healthleadersmedia.com/clinical-care/way-forward-coronavirus-remains-focal-point-healthcare-organizations>

- Modern Healthcare: New rules fix 'flaw' for families seeking Obamacare coverage - https://www.modernhealthcare.com/law-regulation/obama-era-health-law-fix-family-glitch?utm_source=modern-healthcare-am-wednesday&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20221011&utm_content=article6-headline
- Nursing home quality initiative
 - No new items
- Health equity-related items
 - Health Affairs: Population-Based Payment Models Can Streamline Care And Reduce Inequities For Children With Medical Complexity - <https://www.healthaffairs.org/content/forefront/population-based-payment-models-can-streamline-care-and-reduce-inequities-children>
- Hospital merger news
 - Modern Healthcare: Beaumont-Spectrum merger finally has new name - <https://www.modernhealthcare.com/mergers-acquisitions/beaumont-spectrum-rebrands-corewell-health>
 - Becker's Hospital Review: 10 recent RCM mergers and acquisitions - <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/finance/10-recent-rcm-mergers-and-acquisitions.html>