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

- 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

- Colon cancer-related items
- Organ donation and transplantation items
  - Still looking for House Oversight report

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

- Physical rehabilitation
  - No new items

- Hospital and physician payment-related items
  - 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/](https://www.statnews.com/2022/10/11/even-as-large-health-systems-bleed-money-childrens-hospitals-are-faring-well/)

- **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](https://www.healthaffairs.org/content/forefront/population-based-payment-models-can-streamline-care-and-reduce-inequities-children)

- **Hospital merger news**