HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: October 13, 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
  - Bloomberg: Eisai CEO Bets on Alzheimer’s Drug Approval, Medicare Coverage - https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RJMU0ST0AFB4
  - Politico: The campaign elixir that wasn’t - https://www.politico.com/newsletters/west-wing-playbook/2022/10/12/the-campaign-elixir-that-wasnt-00061495
  - Stat News: FDA and large compound pharmacies settle a long-running dispute over a key list for ingredients - https://www.statnews.com/pharmalot/2022/10/12/fda-compound-pharmacies-ingredients/
- Nurse staffing
- **RealClearHealth**: Domestic Shortage of Nurses Requires Regulatory Support for Innovative Strategies - [https://www.realclearhealth.com/articles/2022/10/12/domestic_shortage_of_nurses_requires_regulatory_support_for_innovative_strategies_111421.html](https://www.realclearhealth.com/articles/2022/10/12/domestic_shortage_of_nurses_requires_regulatory_support_for_innovative_strategies_111421.html)


- **Fierce Healthcare**: Personal care aides supporting patients at home are in high demand but nearly 3 times more likely to live in poverty - [https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/personal-care-aides-who-support-americans-living-self-care-disabilities-are-hot-commodity](https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/personal-care-aides-who-support-americans-living-self-care-disabilities-are-hot-commodity)

- **Colon cancer-related items**
  - **MedPage Today**: U.S. Experts Weigh in on Colonoscopy Status in Wake of European Trial - [https://www.medpagetoday.com/gastroenterology/coloncancer/101196](https://www.medpagetoday.com/gastroenterology/coloncancer/101196)


- **Organ donation and transplantation items**
  - Still looking for House Oversight report


- **Vison/dental care in Medicare-related items**
  - No new items

- **Physical rehabilitation**
  - No new items

- **Hospital and physician payment-related items**
  - **Bloomberg**: Employers Target Expensive Surgeries to Cut Health-Care Costs - [https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RJOQNJT0AFB4](https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RJOQNJT0AFB4)

- MedCity News: CMS is proposing a national provider directory. Here’s what AHIP thinks it should look like - [https://medcitynews.com/2022/10/cms-is-proposing-a-national-provider-directory-heres-what-ahip-thinks-it-should-look-like/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&_hs_c=229550481&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9HwF5BECfWAIwAqEQLiY2wAjKr8ll9heolKeS3wOxdzkhZMOS00xecxufRXR7Ub7Fe8960lHoeNPcltDymXBG2QPgnw&utm_content=229550481&utm_source=hs_email](https://medcitynews.com/2022/10/cms-is-proposing-a-national-provider-directory-heres-what-ahip-thinks-it-should-look-like/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&_hs_c=229550481&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9HwF5BECfWAIwAqEQLiY2wAjKr8ll9heolKeS3wOxdzkhZMOS00xecxufRXR7Ub7Fe8960lHoeNPcltDymXBG2QPgnw&utm_content=229550481&utm_source=hs_email)


- Nursing home quality initiative

- Health equity-related items
  - No new items

- Hospital merger news