HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: October 14, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate meets in a pro-forma session.
- The House meets in a pro-forma session.

Health policy update:

- Drug pricing and Inflation Reduction Act-related items
  - Becker’s Hospital Review: AMA analysis finds 3 out of 4 states have ‘highly concentrated’ PBM markets - https://www.beckerspayer.com/payer/ama-analysis-finds-3-out-of-4-states-have-highly-concentrated-pbm-markets.html

- Nurse staffing
  - No new items

- Colon cancer-related items
- **Cancer Network:** Circulating Tumor DNA as a Marker of Minimal Residual Disease - [https://www.cancernetwork.com/view/journal-circulating-tumor-dna-as-a-marker-of-minimal-residual-disease](https://www.cancernetwork.com/view/journal-circulating-tumor-dna-as-a-marker-of-minimal-residual-disease)

- **Organ donation and transplantation items**
  - **Still looking for House Oversight report**
  - **EurekAlert!** C-Path’s transplant therapeutics consortium receives EMA draft qualification opinion for iBox scoring system - [https://www.eurekalert.org/news-releases/967891](https://www.eurekalert.org/news-releases/967891)

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

- **Physical rehabilitation**
  - **No new items**

- **Hospital and physician payment-related items**
  - **Bloomberg:** Covid Public Health Emergency Gets Last-Minute Extension by HHS - [https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RJPPNYT0AFB5](https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RJPPNYT0AFB5)
  - **MedPage Today:** The Medicare Advantage Trade-Off: Saving Money, Losing Access - [https://www.medpagetoday.com/special-reports/exclusives/101213](https://www.medpagetoday.com/special-reports/exclusives/101213)

- **Nursing home quality initiative**
  - **Skilled Nursing News:** Where States Land on Making Nursing Home Medicaid Rate Increases Permanent - [https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/10/where-states-land-on-making-nursing-home-medicaid-rate-increases-permanent/?euid=e0557ca2d3&utm_source=snn](https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/10/where-states-land-on-making-nursing-home-medicaid-rate-increases-permanent/?euid=e0557ca2d3&utm_source=snn)
• Health equity-related items
  o **Bloomberg**: EPA Finds Evidence of Disparate Impacts in ‘Cancer Alley’ - https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RJPLN1T1UM0W

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