HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: October 17, 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: 3 Key Operational Benefits Gained From Staffing Technology - [https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/10/3-key-operational-benefits-gained-from-staffing-technology/?euid=e0557ca2d3&utm_source=snn-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=0d4d5354d2&mc_cid=0d4d5354d2&mc_eid=e0557ca2d3](https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/10/3-key-operational-benefits-gained-from-staffing-technology/?euid=e0557ca2d3&utm_source=snn-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=0d4d5354d2&mc_cid=0d4d5354d2&mc_eid=e0557ca2d3)


- Colon cancer-related items
  - **EurekAlert!**: Study identifies new gene that drives colon cancer - [https://www.eurekalert.org/news-releases/967942](https://www.eurekalert.org/news-releases/967942)

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

- Vison/dental care in Medicare-related items

- Physical rehabilitation
  - **No new items**

- Hospital and physician payment-related items
  - **American Medical Association**: Single source of pay becoming less common for physicians - [https://www.ama-assn.org/about/research/single-source-pay-becoming-less-common-physicians](https://www.ama-assn.org/about/research/single-source-pay-becoming-less-common-physicians)
  - **Health Affairs**: Using The Medicare Shared Savings Program To Innovate Primary Care Payment - [https://www.healthaffairs.org/content/forefront/using-medicare-shared-savings-program-innovate-primary-care-payment](https://www.healthaffairs.org/content/forefront/using-medicare-shared-savings-program-innovate-primary-care-payment)


- **Nursing home quality initiative**


- **Health equity-related items**


  - **RevCycleIntelligence:** Retail Health Clinics Are Key on the Path to Health Equity - [https://patientengagementhit.com/features/retail-health-clinics-are-key-on-the-path-to-health-equity](https://patientengagementhit.com/features/retail-health-clinics-are-key-on-the-path-to-health-equity)

- **Hospital merger news**

  - **Bloomberg:** FTC Opposes SUNY Hospital Merger Antitrust Shield Certificate - [https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RJRGBBDWRGG1](https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RJRGBBDWRGG1)

Chief Healthcare Executive: Hospital mergers and acquisitions may be picking up - [https://www.chiefhealthcareexecutive.com/view/hospital-mergers-and-acquisitions-may-be-picking-up](https://www.chiefhealthcareexecutive.com/view/hospital-mergers-and-acquisitions-may-be-picking-up)

- ARPA-H news