HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: October 19, 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
  - MedCity News: Housing strategies for providers to better accommodate traveling nurses - https://medcitynews.com/2022/10/housing-strategies-for-providers-to-better-accommodate-traveling-nurses

- Colon cancer-related items
  - No new items

- 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
  - Politico: Health insurance prices set for takeoff - https://www.politico.com/newsletters/future-pulse/2022/10/18/health-insurance-prices-set-for-takeoff-00062171
  - Axios: Hill Dems frustrated with Biden inaction on “junk” health insurance - https://www.axios.com/2022/10/19/hill-dems-biden-inaction-junk-health-insurance
  - MedCity News: Healthcare still has a few years to go before price transparency data makes an impact, Turquoise Health CEO says - https://medcitynews.com/2022/10/healthcare-still-has-a-few-years-to-go-before-price-transparency-data-makes-an-impact-turquoise-health-ceo-says
  - Fierce Healthcare: Kaufman Hall: Hospital volumes remain below 2019 levels as care shifts to outpatient settings -

- Nursing home quality initiative

- Health equity-related items
  - NBC News: Babies born to Black mothers who use fertility treatments die at far higher rates than those born to white mothers - https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/babies-black-mothers-die-higher-rates-white-mothers-rcna52722

- Hospital merger news
  - No new items

- ARPA-H news