HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: October 20, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate meets in a pro-forma session.
- The House is not in session.

Health policy update:

- Drug pricing and Inflation Reduction Act-related items
  - Forbes: Drugs Should Be Priced Based On One Factor — Value - https://www.forbes.com/sites/johnlamattina/2022/10/20/drugs-should-be-priced-based-on-one-factor--value/?sh=141b97763ab6

- Nurse staffing

- Colon cancer-related items

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

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

- Physical rehabilitation
  - No new items

- Hospital and physician payment-related items
  - Health Affairs: Performance Results Of The Medicare Shared Savings Program In 2021: Continued Uncertainty With Positive Movement - https://www.healthaffairs.org/content/forefront/performance-results-medicare-shared-savings-program-2021-continued-uncertainty-positive
  - Health Leaders: Full 2023 CPT Code Set Released, Updates Aimed At Reducing Administrative Burdens - https://www.healthleadersmedia.com/revenue-
cycle/full-2023-cpt-code-set-released-updates-aimed-reducing-administrative-burdens


- **Becker’s Hospital Review:** How lawmakers can boost nonprofit hospital accountability - [https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/finance/how-lawmakers-can-boost-nonprofit-hospital-accountability.html](https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/finance/how-lawmakers-can-boost-nonprofit-hospital-accountability.html)


- **Nursing home quality initiative**
  - No new items

- **Health equity-related items**
  - **Stat News:** Racial disparities in neonatal mortality even wider with tools like IVF, study finds - [https://www.statnews.com/2022/10/19/racial-disparities-neonatal-mortality-wider-with-ivf/](https://www.statnews.com/2022/10/19/racial-disparities-neonatal-mortality-wider-with-ivf/)
  - **Axios:** Cardiac care is affected by provider racism, study finds - [https://www.axios.com/2022/10/19/cardiac-care-provider-racism-study](https://www.axios.com/2022/10/19/cardiac-care-provider-racism-study)

- **Hospital merger news**
  - No new items