HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: October 24, 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

• Nurse staffing
  - USA Today (Opinion): Nurses are stressed out and burned out — putting your health at risk - https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2022/10/24/america-nurse-shortage-gets-worse/10540952002/?gnt-cfr=1

- Colon cancer-related items

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

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

- Physical rehabilitation
  - No new items

- Hospital and physician payment-related items
  - Politico: Hospitals’ Lame-Duck List - https://www.politico.com/newsletters/politico-pulse/2022/10/24/the-epidemics-we-were-spared-00063084
  - Stat News: This summer’s Covid surge was bad for hospital profits - https://www.statnews.com/2022/10/21/this-summers-covid-surge-was-bad-for-hospital-profits/
Nursing home quality initiative

- Skilled Nursing News: CMS to ‘Crack Down’ on Troubled Nursing Homes Through Special Focus Facility Program Changes - [https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/10/cms-to-crack-down-on-troubled-nursing-homes-through-special-focus-facility-program-changes/?euid=e0557ca2d3&utm_source=snn-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=7ac37ed44a&mc_cid=7ac37ed44a&mc_eid=e0557ca2d3](https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/10/cms-to-crack-down-on-troubled-nursing-homes-through-special-focus-facility-program-changes/?euid=e0557ca2d3&utm_source=snn-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=7ac37ed44a&mc_cid=7ac37ed44a&mc_eid=e0557ca2d3)


Health equity-related items


Hospital merger news

- No new items