HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: October 25, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

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

Health policy update:

- Drug pricing and Inflation Reduction Act-related items

- Nurse staffing

- 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
  - No new items

- Physical rehabilitation
No new items

Hospital and physician payment-related items

- Bloomberg: Hospital Trade Groups Want Medicare Program Extensions - https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RKB0IOT0AFB4
- MedCity News: 3 key reasons why Americans are under-utilizing primary care - https://medcitynews.com/2022/10/3-key-reasons-why-americans-are-under-utilizing-primary-care/
- Inside Health Policy: Stakeholders Lay Out Year-End Priorities For Lawmakers As Election Nears - https://insidehealthpolicy.com/features/health-insider

Nursing home quality initiative


Health equity-related items

- **Inside Health Policy**: FDA Homes In On Breakthrough Devices To Address Health Disparities - [https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/fda-homes-breakthrough-devices-address-health-disparities](https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/fda-homes-breakthrough-devices-address-health-disparities)


- Hospital merger news
  - No new items