HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: October 26, 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: The Future of Labor Activism in Nursing Homes -

Health Leaders: Want To Solve Your Workforce Shortages? Grow Your Own Staff -
https://www.healthleadersmedia.com/clinical-care/want-solve-your-workforce-shortages-grow-your-own-staff

McKnihts Senior Living: $1.2 million investment into recruiting, training nurses called ‘a good start’ -

Colon cancer-related items
- No new items

Organ donation and transplantation items
- Still looking for House Oversight report
- MedPage Today: New HRS Drug Cut Need for Renal Replacement Tx After Liver Transplant -
  https://www.medpagetoday.com/meetingcoverage/acg/101417

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

Physical rehabilitation
- No new items

Hospital and physician payment-related items
- Office of Representative Ted Lieu (Press Release): Rep Lieu Leads Bipartisan Letter Urging Better Medicare Reimbursement Rates For Heart Test -
- Health Affairs: Multi-Year Medicare Physician Fee Freeze Threatens Access: Pair Relief With Reforms -
  https://www.healthaffairs.org/content/forefront/multi-year-medicare-physician-fee-freeze-threatens-access-pair-relief-reforms

MedCity News: Solving rural health is the key to a better healthcare system in the U.S. - https://medcitynews.com/2022/10/solving-rural-health-is-the-key-to-a-better-healthcare-system-in-the-u-s/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=231275462&_hspid=9kGE5SQtE11TKeatwcB3kzk5NM3sFYyS79R5-trk0BELkx4ZLo5ql1PiBT08pHmU8cwwG-jhiKtJPJWQaq8TtWq-jcA&utm_content=231275462&utm_source=hs_email


- Nursing home quality initiative


- Health equity-related items

- **Bloomberg:** Health Agency Seeks Feedback on Access to Care, Equity - [https://www.bgow.com/next/news/RKBSM1T0AFB4](https://www.bgow.com/next/news/RKBSM1T0AFB4)

  - Hospital merger news
    - No new items

  - ARPA-H news
    - **Bloomberg:** Biden’s Biomedical Agency to Weigh Affordability, Director Says - [https://www.bgow.com/next/news/RKBLX8T1UM0W](https://www.bgow.com/next/news/RKBLX8T1UM0W)