HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: October 27, 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
  - Axios: Mark Cuban’s bid to disrupt the drug supply chain - https://www.axios.com/2022/10/27/mark-cuban-drug-supply-chain

• Nurse staffing

• Organ donation and transplantation items
  - Still looking for House Oversight report

• CNBNC: More than 100,000 Americans are waiting for an organ transplant - https://www.cnbc.com/2022/10/26/how-organ-donation-works-in-the-united-states.html


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

• Physical rehabilitation
  • No new items

• Hospital and physician payment-related items
  • Bloomberg: Inflation Threatens to Send Health-Care Premiums Surging in 2023 - https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RKEMCQT0G1KX
  • Politico: Congress has a plan for endangered rural hospitals. Most aren’t interested - https://subscriber.politicopro.com/article/2022/10/congress-has-a-plan-for-endangered-rural-hospitals-most-arent-interested-00063658
• Nursing home quality initiative

• Health equity-related items
  o Health Affairs: Healthcare Equity Requires Standardized Disability Data In The EHR - https://www.healthaffairs.org/content/forefront/healthcare-equity-requires-standardized-disability-data-ehr
  o Stat News: ‘If I were a hospital, I’d be reading the tea leaves’: Pressures grow on the health care industry to reduce its climate pollution - https://www.statnews.com/2022/10/27/health-care-hospitals-climate-pollution/

• Hospital merger news
  o No new items

• Senate HELP news