HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: October 3, 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
  - [AP News: NIH to fund unproven ALS drugs under patient-backed law](https://apnews.com/article/health-business-drug-trials-congress-government-and-politics-905274f1b83c87d28771c9ddaefb5aa1)
  - [The Hill: HHS: Price of more than 1,200 drugs outpaced inflation](https://thehill.com/homenews/administration/3669326-hhs-price-of-more-than-1200-drugs-outpaced-inflation/)
  - [Axios: New ALS treatment sparks yet another drug pricing debate](https://www.axios.com/2022/10/03/als-treatment-fda-drug-prices)
  - [Stat News: Many trials to confirm benefits of drugs granted accelerated approvals are running late](https://www.statnews.com/pharmalot/2022/10/03/fda-accelerated-approvals-makena-alzheimers-medicare-medicaid/)

- Nurse staffing

- Colon cancer-related items
  - [Cancer Network: FDA Approves Bevacizumab-adcd Biosimilar in 6 cancer types](https://www.cancernetwork.com/view/fda-approves-bevacizumab-adcd-biosimilar-in-6-cancer-types)
- 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
- Nursing home quality initiative
  - No new items
- Health equity-related items
  - NBC News: There’s a big disparity in the number of Latino doctors and surgeons. Advocates are working to change that -
• Hospital merger news
  