

## HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: October 31, 2022

### Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate meets in a pro-forma session.
- The House meets in a pro-forma session.

### Health policy update:

- Drug pricing and Inflation Reduction Act-related items
  - Inside Health Policy: CMS Finalizes Part B Immunosuppressive Drug Benefit - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/cms-finalizes-part-b-immunosuppressive-drug-benefit>
- Nurse staffing
  - Skilled Nursing News: 2,000 Fewer Nursing Beds Among 10 Largest Nonprofit Nursing Care Providers - [https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/10/2000-fewer-nursing-beds-among-10-largest-nonprofit-nursing-care-providers/?euid=e0557ca2d3&utm\\_source=snn-newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=20928932d4&mc\\_cid=20928932d4&mc\\_eid=e0557ca2d3](https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/10/2000-fewer-nursing-beds-among-10-largest-nonprofit-nursing-care-providers/?euid=e0557ca2d3&utm_source=snn-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20928932d4&mc_cid=20928932d4&mc_eid=e0557ca2d3)
- Organ donation and transplantation items
  - Still looking for House Oversight report
  - Health Leaders: Pig's Heart Took Longer To Generate A Beat In Transplant Patient - <https://www.healthleadersmedia.com/innovation/pigs-heart-took-longer-generate-beat-transplant-patient>
- Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items
  - No new items
- Physical rehabilitation
  - No new items
- Hospital and physician payment-related items
  - Bloomberg: Health Care Briefing: Firms Seek to Temper Employee Health Costs - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RKM55ODWRGG0>

- Bloomberg: Employers Fight to Keep 2023 Worker Health Coverage Costs Down - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RKM19UDWRGG8>
- MedCity News: KFF: Modest increases in premiums likely won't last for long - [https://medcitynews.com/2022/10/kff-modest-increases-in-premiums-likely-wont-last-for-long/?utm\\_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm\\_medium=email&hsmi=231885463&hsenc=p2ANqtz-9YcogLC1cR\\_qlfOTP943EqLdhystPrnB2jt3sA7yqtklycLRYQahU2RAIzTepKnGlfXaORzEu6Lf\\_VRBgg6tetPyxsxw&utm\\_content=231885463&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://medcitynews.com/2022/10/kff-modest-increases-in-premiums-likely-wont-last-for-long/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&hsmi=231885463&hsenc=p2ANqtz-9YcogLC1cR_qlfOTP943EqLdhystPrnB2jt3sA7yqtklycLRYQahU2RAIzTepKnGlfXaORzEu6Lf_VRBgg6tetPyxsxw&utm_content=231885463&utm_source=hs_email)
- MedCity News: Could value-based care be more than its shortcomings? - [https://medcitynews.com/2022/10/could-value-based-care-be-more-than-its-shortcomings/?utm\\_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm\\_medium=email&hsmi=231885463&hsenc=p2ANqtz-8LvMNV4uw5-fgUdu60eC3mjnpWD7ks8HBI2M5CJ9PjkRaoNuFVjjX25UMfnv7bVTxmmaNG9QADQksGOS0VNWV6DkuSjQ&utm\\_content=231885463&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://medcitynews.com/2022/10/could-value-based-care-be-more-than-its-shortcomings/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&hsmi=231885463&hsenc=p2ANqtz-8LvMNV4uw5-fgUdu60eC3mjnpWD7ks8HBI2M5CJ9PjkRaoNuFVjjX25UMfnv7bVTxmmaNG9QADQksGOS0VNWV6DkuSjQ&utm_content=231885463&utm_source=hs_email)
- Inside Health Policy: CMS Delays Finalizing MA Risk Adjustment Rule Amid Coding Controversy - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/cms-delays-finalizing-ma-risk-adjustment-rule-amid-coding-controversy>
- Inside Health Policy: CMS Finalizes Five New Medicare Special Enrollment Periods - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/cms-finalizes-five-new-medicare-special-enrollment-periods>
- Inside Health Policy: Lobbyists Expect Pay Relief, Mental Health, Reg Waivers In Year-End Bill - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/lobbyists-expect-pay-relief-mental-health-reg-waivers-year-end-bill>
- Becker's Hospital Review: What we've learned so far from payer price transparency data - <https://www.beckerspayer.com/payer/what-weve-learned-so-far-from-payer-price-transparency-data.html>
- Fierce Healthcare: CMS rule seeks to curb delays in Medicare coverage, expands special enrollment periods - <https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/payers/cms-rule-seeks-curb-delays-medicare-coverage-expands-special-enrollment-periods>
- RevCycleIntelligence: More Hospitals Complying With Price Transparency Rule Requirements - <https://revcycleintelligence.com/news/more-hospitals-complying-with-price-transparency-rule-requirements>
- RevCycleIntelligence: Understanding the Cost of Ineffective Payment Integrity Operations - <https://healthpayerintelligence.com/news/understanding-the-cost-of-ineffective-payment-integrity-operations>

- Nursing home quality initiative
  - No new items
- Health equity-related items
  - Bloomberg: Extended Medicaid Coverage for New Mothers Embraced by States - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RKM2GKDWX2PV>
- Hospital merger news
  - No new items