HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: October 5, 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
  - MedCity News: HHS: Prescription drug costs have skyrocketed in recent years - https://medcitynews.com/2022/10/hhs-prescription-drug-costs-have-skyrocketed-in-recent-years/

- Nurse staffing
  - Politico: The answer to America’s nursing shortage - https://www.politico.com/newsletters/future-pulse/2022/10/04/tktk-00060137
- Axios: Caregiver shortage hits rural areas the hardest - https://www.axios.com/2022/10/04/mismatch-between-disabled-caregivers


- 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
  - American Dental Association: ADA, DQA comment on CMS proposed rule on Medicaid, CHIP Core Set - https://www.ada.org/publications/ada-news/2022/october/ada-and-dqa-comment-on-cms-proposed-rule-on-medicaid-chip-core-set

- Physical rehabilitation
  - No new items

- Hospital and physician payment-related items


- Nursing home quality initiative

- Health equity-related items

- Hospital merger news
  - No new items