HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: October 6, 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
  - Health Affairs: The New Medicare Part D Out-Of-Pocket Cap Will Have Unintended Consequences. Here’s How To Address Them - https://www.healthaffairs.org/content/forefront/new-medicare-part-d-out-of-pocket-cap-have-unintended-consequences-here-s-address-them
  - RealClearHealth: The Inflation Reduction Act Is a Loss for Patients - https://www.realclearhealth.com/articles/2022/10/05/the_inflation_reduction_act_is_a_loss_for_patients_111419.html

- Nurse staffing
  - Office of Senator Robert Menendez (Press Release): Menendez Leads Bipartisan Call For Biden Admin To Increase Medicare GME Positions -


- Colon cancer-related items
  - No new items

- 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

- Hospital and physician payment-related items


Health Affairs: Expanding States’ Medicaid Capacity To Meet The Needs Of Medicare Beneficiaries, Including The Dually Eligible - https://www.healthaffairs.org/content/forefront/expanding-states-medicaid-capacity-meet-needs-medicare-beneficiaries-including-dually


- Nursing home quality initiative
  - No new items

- Health equity-related items

- Hospital merger news