

## 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
  - Bloomberg: Bill to Rein in Medicare's Drug Coverage Restrictions - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RJBV5TDWX2PS>
  - Forbes: Inflation Reduction Act Provision Aims To Further Spur Biosimilar Uptake With Temporary Add-On Payment In Medicare Part B - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/joshuacohen/2022/10/05/inflation-reduction-act-provision-aims-to-further-spur-biosimilar-uptake-with-temporary-add-on-payment-in-medicare-part-b/?sh=552853117bcd>
  - 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>
  - Stat News: Medicare tasks a senior adviser with staffing its new drug pricing division - <https://www.statnews.com/2022/10/06/medicare-tasks-a-senior-adviser-with-staffing-its-new-drug-pricing-division/>
  - Stat News: The new law that could stealthily transform biomedical innovation - <https://www.statnews.com/2022/10/06/new-law-stealthily-transform-biomedical-innovation/>
  - Inside Health Policy: CMS To Begin Paying Hospitals In Full For 340B In Two Weeks - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/cms-begin-paying-hospitals-full-340b-two-weeks>
  - 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](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 -

<https://www.menendez.senate.gov/newsroom/press/menendez-leads-bipartisan-call-for-biden-admin-to-increase-medicare-gme-positions>

- Forbes: How To Ensure Your Nurses Stick Around Through The Great Resignation - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/forbesbusinesscouncil/2022/10/06/how-to-ensure-your-nurses-stick-around-through-the-great-resignation/?sh=6038c4ef5bae>
- Skilled Nursing News: 3 Nursing Home Legal Issues to Watch in 2022 and Beyond - [https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/10/3-nursing-home-legal-issues-to-watch-in-2022-and-beyond/?euid=e0557ca2d3&utm\\_source=snn-newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=78801bca43&mc\\_cid=78801bca43&mc\\_eid=e0557ca2d3](https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/10/3-nursing-home-legal-issues-to-watch-in-2022-and-beyond/?euid=e0557ca2d3&utm_source=snn-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=78801bca43&mc_cid=78801bca43&mc_eid=e0557ca2d3)
- McKnights Senior Living: Bottlenecks between hospitals and nursing homes wreaking havoc in both sectors - <https://www.mcknights.com/news/bottlenecks-between-hospitals-and-nursing-homes-wreaking-havoc-in-both-sectors/>
- 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
  - McKnights Senior Living: Long-term care, home care rehab directors, physical therapists see modest salary increases - <https://www.mcknightsseniorliving.com/home/news/business-daily-news/long-term-care-home-care-rehab-directors-physical-therapists-see-modest-salary-increases/>
- Hospital and physician payment-related items
  - Bloomberg: National Health-Care Provider Directory Explored by Biden Agency - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RJAENHTOG1KW>

- Bloomberg: US Health Insurers Poised to Accelerate Premium Hikes for 2023 - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RJAE6HTOG1KW>
- Bloomberg: Get Ready for Health Insurers to Raise Prices Next Year - <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2022-10-05/health-insurance-companies-prepare-to-raise-prices-for-2023>
- 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>
- Inside Health Policy: OIG Finds Multi-Million Dollar Miscalculations In PRF Distributions - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/oig-finds-multi-million-dollar-miscalculations-prf-distributions>
- Inside Health Policy: AHA Says Medicare Advantage Would Benefit From More Oversight, Fewer Plans - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/aha-says-medicare-advantage-would-benefit-more-oversight-fewer-plans>
- Medical Economics: Health care usage increases, medical bill worries decrease when adults enroll in Medicare - <https://www.medicaleconomics.com/view/health-care-usage-increases-medical-bill-worries-decrease-when-adults-enroll-in-medicare>
- Nursing home quality initiative
  - No new items
- Health equity-related items
  - Becker's Hospital Review: Bridging health disparities requires multi-front action: 3 report findings - <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/health-equity/bridging-health-disparities-requires-multi-front-action-3-report-findings.html>
  - PatientEngagementHIT: What Are Political Determinants of Health & Do They Differ from SDOH - <https://patientengagementhit.com/features/what-are-political-determinants-of-health-do-they-differ-from-sdoh>
- Hospital merger news
  - Modern Healthcare: TPG Capital completes \$2.2B acquisition of ClaimsXten - [https://www.modernhealthcare.com/mergers-acquisitions/tpg-capital-claimsxten-change-healthcare-acquisition?utm\\_source=modern-healthcare-am](https://www.modernhealthcare.com/mergers-acquisitions/tpg-capital-claimsxten-change-healthcare-acquisition?utm_source=modern-healthcare-am)

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