HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: October 7, 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
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - Stat News: Drugmakers will be penalized if they hike prices on patients in private insurance market - [https://www.statnews.com/2022/10/06/drugmakers-will-be-penalized-if-they-hike-prices-on-patients-in-private-insurance-market/](https://www.statnews.com/2022/10/06/drugmakers-will-be-penalized-if-they-hike-prices-on-patients-in-private-insurance-market/)
  

- Nurse staffing
  
- **Washington Post (Opinion):** Nursing happens outside the hospital, too - [https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2022/10/06/nursing-happens-outside-hospital-too/](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2022/10/06/nursing-happens-outside-hospital-too/)

- **Stat News (Opinion):** Certified nursing assistants do important work. They deserve to be paid a living wage for it - [https://www.statnews.com/2022/10/07/value-the-work-of-certified-nursing-assistants/](https://www.statnews.com/2022/10/07/value-the-work-of-certified-nursing-assistants/)


- **Health Leaders:** Temporary Nurse Aides Waiting To See If They Will Lose Their Job On Friday - [https://www.healthleadersmedia.com/post-acute/temporary-nurse-aides-waiting-see-if-they-will-lose-their-job-friday](https://www.healthleadersmedia.com/post-acute/temporary-nurse-aides-waiting-see-if-they-will-lose-their-job-friday)


- Colon cancer-related items
  - **MedPage Today:** Neoadjuvant CRT Tied to Survival Benefit in Older Rectal Cancer Patients - [https://www.medpagetoday.com/hematologyoncology/coloncancer/101096](https://www.medpagetoday.com/hematologyoncology/coloncancer/101096)

- Organ donation and transplantation items
  - **Still looking for House Oversight report**


- Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items
  - **No new items**
• Physical rehabilitation
  o No new items

• Hospital and physician payment-related items
  o Health Affairs: Federal Officials Solicit Comment On Advanced Explanation Of Benefits - [https://www.healthaffairs.org/content/forefront/aca-round-up-latest-uninsured-data-preventive-services-litigation-updates-and-more](https://www.healthaffairs.org/content/forefront/aca-round-up-latest-uninsured-data-preventive-services-litigation-updates-and-more)
  o Axios: Hospitals still aren’t complying with transparency rules - [https://www.axios.com/2022/10/06/hospitals-price-transparency-compliance](https://www.axios.com/2022/10/06/hospitals-price-transparency-compliance)
  o Becker’s Hospital Review: 3 out of 4 Americans give healthcare affordability a D or F grade: Gallup Survey - [https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/finance/3-out-of-4-americans-give-healthcare-affordability-a-d-or-f-grade-gallup-survey.html](https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/finance/3-out-of-4-americans-give-healthcare-affordability-a-d-or-f-grade-gallup-survey.html)

• Nursing home quality initiative

• Health equity-related items
• Hospital merger news