

HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: November 10, 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
 - Bloomberg: Biden's HHS Sued Over Thwarted Cancer Drug Charity Program - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RL3SCODWRGG0>
 - Inside Health Policy: Republicans Expected To Hound CMS On Drug Price Negotiation But Not Repeal Law - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/republicans-expected-hound-cms-drug-price-negotiation-not-repeal-law>
- Nurse staffing
 - American Hospital Association: AHA voices support for bill to extend training flexibility for SNF nurse aides - <https://www.aha.org/news/headline/2022-11-09-aha-voices-support-bill-extend-training-flexibility-snf-nurse-aides>
 - Healthcare Dive: Emergency rooms are at 'breaking point,' physicians say - <https://www.healthcaredive.com/news/emergency-department-boarding-biden-acep-crisis/636114/>
 - Fierce Healthcare: Providers urge Biden to tackle 'gridlocked' hospital EDs and life-threatening care delays - <https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/providers-urge-biden-tackle-gridlocked-hospital-eds-and-life-threaten-care-delays>
- 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

- No new items
- Hospital and physician payment-related items
 - Bloomberg: Medicare Late Enrollment Penalties Are No Joke: Here's What They'll Cost You - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RL3IHFTP3SHU>
 - Healthcare Dive: Profits continue to climb for payers as possible recession looms - <https://www.healthcaredive.com/news/profits-climb-for-payers-recession/636039/>
 - Modern Healthcare (Opinion): Time running short to address looming Medicare cuts for physicians - https://www.modernhealthcare.com/opinion/physicians-medicare-medicaid-payment-cuts-congress?utm_source=modern-healthcare-am-thursday&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20221109&utm_content=article-4-headline
 - Becker's Hospital Review: Americans must work 504 hours to cover typical hospital stay - <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/finance/americans-must-work-504-hours-to-cover-typical-hospital-stay.html>
 - RevCycleIntelligence: Value-Based Payment, Fee-for-Service Levels Hold Steady - <https://revcycleintelligence.com/features/value-based-payment-fee-for-service-levels-hold-steady>
- Nursing home quality initiative
 - No new items
- Health equity-related items
 - New York Times: Medication Treatment for Addiction is Shorter for Black and Hispanic Patients, Study Finds - <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/11/09/health/opioid-addiction-treatment-racial-disparities.html>
 - Bloomberg: Preterm Birth Drug Makena Ignites Argument Over Health Equity - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RL4NXDTOG1KY>
- Hospital merger news
 - RevCycleIntelligence: Increase in Cross-Market Hospital Systems May Hurt Market Competition - <https://revcycleintelligence.com/news/increase-in-cross-market-hospital-systems-may-hurt-market-competition>

- Telehealth news
 - Healio: Physicians overwhelmingly in favor of permanent telehealth use in OUD treatment - <https://www.healio.com/news/primary-care/20221109/physicians-overwhelmingly-in-favor-of-permanent-telehealth-use-in-oud-treatment>

- 118th Congress news:
 - Axios: Republicans poised to take power without a health care agenda - <https://www.axios.com/2022/11/10/republicans-elections-house-health-congress>
 - MedPage Today: A New Congress Will Face Pressing Healthcare Issues, Regardless of Who Is in Control - <https://www.medpagetoday.com/publichealthpolicy/washington-watch/101667>
 - Inside Health Policy: GOP Tees Up Health Care Oversight For Next Congress - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/gop-tees-health-care-oversight-next-congress>
 - Inside Health Policy: Sanders, Paul Agree On Importation, But Divided On COVID Response - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/sanders-paul-agree-importation-divided-covid-response>
 - Inside Health Policy: Senate Approps Prepares For Leadership Shift Next Year - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/senate-approps-prepares-leadership-shift-next-year>