

HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: November 11, 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
 - Forbes: If Pharma Companies Don't Overhaul Their R&D Model Quickly, Cancer Patients In Desperate Search For New Cures Will Be Left Behind - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/ritanumerof/2022/11/10/if-pharma-companies-dont-overhaul-their-rd-model-quickly-cancer-patients-in-desperate-search-for-new-cures-will-be-left-behind/?sh=486269002e33>
 - Politico: FDA policy riders likely to move forward in year-end package, lobbyists say - <https://subscriber.politicopro.com/article/2022/11/fda-policy-riders-likely-to-move-forward-in-year-end-package-lobbyists-say-00066272?source=email>
 - Inside Health Policy: FDA, PTO To Host Jan. Meeting On Drug Patent Collaboration Efforts - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/fda-ptu-host-jan-meeting-drug-patent-collaboration-efforts>
- Nurse staffing
 - Newsweek (Opinion): We're Facing a Massive Nursing Shortage. On Site Childcare Is the Answer - <https://www.newsweek.com/were-facing-massive-nursing-shortage-site-childcare-answer-opinion-1757998>
 - Skilled Nursing News: American Hospital Association Throws Weight Behind Nursing Home TNA Legislation - https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/11/american-hospital-association-throws-weight-behind-nursing-home-tna-legislation/?euid=e0557ca2d3&utm_source=snn-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=006f10a6fc&mc_cid=006f10a6fc&mc_eid=e0557ca2d3
 - McKnight's Senior Living: Nursing shortage is affecting patient care, nurses charge in poll - <https://www.mcknights.com/news/clinical-news/nursing-shortage-is-affecting-patient-care-nurses-charge-in-poll/>
 - McKnight's Senior Living: Long-term care system 'collapsing' due to staffing challenges, industry advocate testifies -

<https://www.mcknightsseniorliving.com/home/news/long-term-care-system-collapsing-due-to-staffing-challenges-industry-advocate-testifies/>

- 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
 - [McKnight's Senior Living: Therapy teams take note: CY 2023 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule - https://www.mcknights.com/blogs/rehab-realities/therapy-teams-take-note-cy-2023-medicare-physician-fee-schedule-final-rule/](#)
- Hospital and physician payment-related items
 - [Bloomberg: IRS 'Family Glitch' Fix Expands Obamacare Subsidies for Some - https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RL5BKYT1UM0W](#)
 - [Bloomberg: Surprise Medical Billing Is Fair, Health Agency Tells Court - https://news.bloomberglaw.com/employee-benefits/surprise-medical-billing-rule-is-fair-health-agency-tells-court](#)
 - [Medical Economics: Health care costs per person vary across 50 states, Washington - https://www.medicaleconomics.com/view/health-care-costs-per-person-vary-across-50-states-washington](#)
 - [Healthcare Dive: Congressional committee requests investigation of hospital price transparency compliance - https://www.healthcaredive.com/news/congressional-committee-hospital-price-transparency-gao/636314/](#)
 - [Becker's Hospital Review: Medicare Advantage plans lead the way for alternative payment models - https://www.beckerspayer.com/payer/medicare-advantage-plans-lead-the-way-for-alternative-payment-models.html](#)
 - [Becker's Hospital Review: Medical care costs fell slightly in October - https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/finance/medical-care-costs-fell-slightly-in-october.html](#)

- Becker's Hospital Review: Hospitals losing billions to rising costs, denials and takebacks - <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/finance/hospitals-losing-billions-to-rising-costs-denials-and-takebacks.html>
- Fierce Healthcare: CMS looking at quality metrics to get ACA exchange plans into value-based care - <https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/payers/cms-looking-quality-metrics-get-aca-exchange-plans-value-based-care>
- Nursing home quality initiative
 - No new items
- Health equity-related items
 - Modern Healthcare: Healthcare groups join White House climate pledge - https://www.modernhealthcare.com/esg/mount-sinai-anthem-join-white-house-climate-pledge?utm_source=modern-healthcare-am-friday&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20221110&utm_content=article1-headline
 - Fierce Healthcare: CMS' disproportionate share hospital payment formula structurally disadvantages Black communities, study finds - <https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/cms-disproportionate-share-hospital-payment-formula-structurally-disadvantages-black>
- Hospital merger news
 - No new items
- Telehealth news
 - Inside Health Policy: RAND: COVID-19 Shifted Telehealth Attitudes Among Most Groups, Not All - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/inside-telehealth-daily-news/rand-covid-19-shifted-telehealth-attitudes-among-most-groups-not-all>