HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: November 15, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate convenes at 11 a.m. Following leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Maria del R. Antongiorgi-Jordan to be a U.S. district judge for the District of Puerto Rico. The Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. for weekly caucus lunches. At 2:15 p.m. the Senate will vote on confirmation of the Antongiorgi-Jordan nomination.
  
  o Nominations:
    
    ▪ Maria del R. Antongiorgi-Jordan to be U.S. district judge for the District of Puerto Rico

- The House reconvenes at noon for legislative business and is expected to take final votes on several bills under suspension of the rules.
  
  o Bills:
    
    ▪ S 3369 — Max Cleland VA Medical Center Act
    ▪ S 4359 — Senator Johnny Isakson VA Regional Office Act
    ▪ HR 5721 — VA Infrastructure Powers Exceptional Research (VIPER) Act
    ▪ HR 7299 — A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to obtain an independent cybersecurity assessment of information systems of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
    ▪ HR 7277 — Improving Oversight of the Veterans Community Care Providers Act
    ▪ HR 2250 — Department of Veterans Affairs Information Technology Reform Act
    ▪ HR 3630 — Lymphedema Treatment Act
    ▪ HR 4275 — Ensuring Phone and Internet Access for SNAP Recipients Act
    ▪ HR 6290 — Manufacturing.gov Act
    ▪ HR 5502 — A bill to require online marketplaces to verify certain information regarding high-volume third-party sellers of consumer products on such online marketplaces and to disclose to consumers certain contact and other information regarding such high-volume third-party sellers.
    ▪ S 533 — Guidance Clarity Act

Health policy update:

- Drug pricing and Inflation Reduction Act-related items


- Nurse staffing
  - McKnights Senior Living: Five-Star shifts have added pressure to staffing urgency — it’s time for a new approach - https://www.mcknights.com/marketplace/marketplace-experts/five-star-shifts-have-added-pressure-to-staffing-urgency-its-time-for-a-new-approach/

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

- Vison/dental care in Medicare-related items

- Physical rehabilitation
  - No new items

- Hospital and physician payment-related items


Fierce Healthcare: Hospital groups tell lawmakers looming Medicare cuts 'not sustainable' as officials come back - https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/hospital-groups-tell-lawmakers-looming-medicare-cuts-not-sustainable-officials-come-back


- Nursing home quality initiative


• **Health equity-related items**
  
  o No new items

• **Hospital merger news**
  

• **Telehealth news**
  
  

• **118th Congress and lame-duck news**
  
  
  
  o [Bloomberg](https://www.bloomberg.com/next/news/RLCQAZ0G1KW): Schumer Says Congress Should Deal With Debt Ceiling This Year

• **ARPA-H news**
  
  o [Inside Health Policy](https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/researchers-eyearpa-h-fund-advance-human-phenome-project): Researchers Eye ARPA-H To Fund, Advance Human Phenome Project