HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: November 16, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate convenes at 1:45 p.m. Following leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Schumer, D-N.Y., motion to proceed to the Respect for Marriage Act (HR 8404). At 3:15 The Senate will vote on agreeing to the Schumer motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to the bill.
  - Bills:
    - HR 8404 — Respect for Marriage Act

- The House reconvenes at noon for legislative business. The chamber is expected to consider a bill (S 4524) that would prohibit nondisclosure and non-disparagement agreements involving sexual assault or harassment from being enforced in federal or state courts. The chamber will also take final votes on several bills under suspension of the rules.
  - Bills:
    - S 4524 — Speak Out Act
    - 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

• Organ donation and transplantation items
  o Still looking for House Oversight report
  o No new items

• Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items

  - **Physical rehabilitation**
    - **No new items**

  - **Hospital and physician payment-related items**
    - **Axios:** Hospitals seek more aid to house patients they can't discharge - [https://www.axios.com/2022/11/16/hospitals-seek-more-aid-to-house-patients-they-cant-discharge](https://www.axios.com/2022/11/16/hospitals-seek-more-aid-to-house-patients-they-cant-discharge)
    - **Medical Economics:** Explaining the impending Medicare payment cuts - [https://www.medicaleconomics.com/view/explaining-the-impending-medicare-payment-cuts](https://www.medicaleconomics.com/view/explaining-the-impending-medicare-payment-cuts)
    - **Becker's Hospital Review:** AMA calls for federally maintained Medicare Advantage provider directory - [https://www.beckerspayer.com/payer/ama-calls-for-federally-maintained-medicare-advantage-provider-directory.html](https://www.beckerspayer.com/payer/ama-calls-for-federally-maintained-medicare-advantage-provider-directory.html)
    - **Becker's Hospital Review:** Why payers are holding back on dual special needs plans - [https://www.beckerspayer.com/payer/why-payers-are-holding-back-on-dual-special-needs-plans-2.html](https://www.beckerspayer.com/payer/why-payers-are-holding-back-on-dual-special-needs-plans-2.html)

- **Nursing home quality initiative**
• Health equity-related items

• Hospital merger news

• Telehealth news
  o No new items

• 118th Congress and lame-duck news