HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: November 18, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate is not in session.
- The House meets in a pro-forma session.

Health policy update:

- Drug pricing and Inflation Reduction Act-related items
  - Health Affairs: Accumulators And Maximizers: A New Front In The Battle Over Drug Costs (Part 2) - https://www.healthaffairs.org/content/forefront/accumulators-and-maximizers-new-front-battle-over-drug-costs-part-2

- Nurse staffing
  - No new items

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

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

- Hospital and physician payment-related items
  - Politico: Physician fees in flux on the Hill - [https://www.politico.com/politicopulse/](https://www.politico.com/politicopulse/)

- Nursing home quality initiative
  - Skilled Nursing News: 22 States Petition CMS to End Mandate As 76% of SNF Staff Behind on Vaccines - [https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/11/22-states-petition-cms-to-end-mandate-as-76-of-snf-staff-behind-on-vaccines/?euid=e0557ca2d3&utm_source=snn-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=bc84b2d411&mc_cid=bc84b2d411&mc_eid=e0557ca2d3](https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/11/22-states-petition-cms-to-end-mandate-as-76-of-snf-staff-behind-on-vaccines/?euid=e0557ca2d3&utm_source=snn-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=bc84b2d411&mc_cid=bc84b2d411&mc_eid=e0557ca2d3)

- Health equity-related items
  - No new items
• Hospital merger news
  o No new items

• Telehealth news

• 118th Congress and lame-duck news

• ALS news
  o No new items