HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: November 2, 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

- Nurse staffing

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

- **Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items**
  - **No new items**

- **Physical rehabilitation**

- **Hospital and physician payment-related items**
  - **Bloomberg**: Health Care Briefing: Surging Hospital Prices Put Firms on Edge - [https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RKPTZFT0G1L1](https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RKPTZFT0G1L1)
  - **Bloomberg**: Doctors Face Nearly 4.5% Cut in Medicare Reimbursements in 2023 - [https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RKOUG6T0G1KX](https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RKOUG6T0G1KX)
  - **Axios**: The next health care wars are about costs - [https://www.axios.com/2022/11/02/health-care-costs-congress-insurance-politics](https://www.axios.com/2022/11/02/health-care-costs-congress-insurance-politics)


- **Nursing home quality initiative**
  - **McKintosh Senior Living:** Tweaks to assisted living regs highlighted in state programs that link housing and LTSS - [https://www.mcknightsseniorliving.com/home/news/tweaks-to-assisted-living-regs-highlighted-in-state-programs-that-link-housing-and-ltss/](https://www.mcknightsseniorliving.com/home/news/tweaks-to-assisted-living-regs-highlighted-in-state-programs-that-link-housing-and-ltss/)

- **Health equity-related items**

- Hospital merger news
  - No new items

- Telehealth news