HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: November 22, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate meets in a pro-forma session.
- The House meets in a pro-forma session.

Health policy update:

- Drug pricing and Inflation Reduction Act-related items
  - The Center For Biosimilars: Senator Introduces Bill to Rid Switching Study Requirements for Interchangeability - https://www.centerforbiosimilars.com/view/senator-introduces-bill-to-rid-switching-study-requirements-for-interchangeability

- Nurse staffing
  - Axios: NC nurses are burning out an 'unsustainable' rate, survey shows - https://www.axios.com/local/raleigh/2022/11/22/north-carolina-nurses-burnt-out-survey

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


• Vison/dental care in Medicare-related items
  - No new items

• Physical rehabilitation

• Hospital and physician payment-related items
  - MedCity News: Why Value-based Care Needs To Be the Standard for Behavioral Health - https://medcitynews.com/2022/11/why-value-based-care-needs-to-be-the-standard-for-behavioral-health/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=234956394&_hsenc=p2ANqtz=--MPe2LUqGd1-X2LS05pE2pGmj0U3fj3_cTqg7KH8ra9D1EGoocj7QMN0BT0cF7QwWZV3VxF0r3efiVZXNKcKck1eA&utm_content=234956394&utm_source=hs_email
  - Modern Healthcare: Health systems see increasing claim denials as payer ‘delay tactic’ - https://www.modernhealthcare.com/insurance/insurance-claim-denial-rates-rising-health-systems-struggle?utm_source=modern-healthcare-am-
Modern Healthcare: Health systems bet on hospital-at-home -

Becker’s Hospital Review: The future of hospital-at-home amid Medicaid uncertainty -

- Nursing home quality initiative
  - Office of Senator Chuck Grassley (Press Release): HHS Watchdog Explores Widespread Use Of Psychotropic Drugs In Nursing Homes -

- Health equity-related items
  - No new items

- Hospital merger news
  - Bloomberg: US to Appeal Loss in UnitedHealth-Change Merger Challenge -
    https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RLKDIXT0AFB4
  - Fierce Healthcare: Wisconsin's Bellin Health, Gundersen Health System to close 11-hospital merger Nov. 30 -

- Telehealth news
  - Bloomberg: Telehealth Scores States’ Backing Despite Concerns on Abuses -
    https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RLQVO6T0G1KW
  - Stat News: ‘Digital health is late to the party’: Can telehealth help hospitals mitigate their carbon footprints? -
  - Healio: Telehealth postop visits beneficial for surgeons, patients -
• 118th Congress and lame-duck news

• ALS news