

HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: November 23, 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
 - No new items
- Nurse staffing
 - Health Leaders: Staffing, Regulatory Requirements Top Challenges For Facility-Based Post-Acute Care - <https://www.healthleadersmedia.com/post-acute/staffing-regulatory-requirements-top-challenges-facility-based-post-acute-care>
 - Becker's Hospital Review: Health system labor expenses still climbing - <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/finance/health-system-labor-expenses-still-climbing.html>
 - McKnights Senior Living: Apply for a job at your own organization 'to evaluate processes, barriers and opportunities,' committee says - <https://www.mcknightsseniorliving.com/home/news/business-daily-news/apply-for-a-job-at-your-own-organization-to-evaluate-processes-barriers-and-opportunities-committee-says/>
- Organ donation and transplantation items
 - Still looking for House Oversight report
 - No new items
- Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items
 - American Dental Association: ADA responds to No Surprises Act request for information - <https://www.ada.org/publications/ada-news/2022/november/ada-responds-to-no-surprises-act-request-for-information>
- Physical rehabilitation

- No new items
- Hospital and physician payment-related items
 - Forbes: Here's What You'll Pay For Medicare In 2023 - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/dianeomdahl/2022/11/22/heres-what-youll-pay-for-medicare-in-2023/?sh=6ffbe8a152cf>
 - Health Leaders: CMS Says First Improper Payment Rate For FFE Program Below 1% - <https://www.healthleadersmedia.com/finance/cms-says-first-improper-payment-rate-ffe-program-below-1>
 - Health Leaders: No Surprises Act Prevented 9M Surprise Bills - <https://www.healthleadersmedia.com/revenue-cycle/no-surprises-act-prevented-9m-surprise-bills>
 - Health Leaders: CMS Moves Forward With Added Prior Authorization Requirements - <https://www.healthleadersmedia.com/revenue-cycle/cms-moves-forward-added-prior-authorization-requirements>
 - Inside Health Policy: HHS Report Touts Long COVID Plan, But CMS Vague On Medicare Spike - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/hhs-report-touts-long-covid-plan-cms-vague-medicare-spike>
 - Inside Health Policy: Admin: More Than 3M Enroll In ACA Plans In First Few Weeks - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/admin-more-3m-enroll-aca-plans-first-few-weeks>
 - Becker's Hospital Review: Medicare Advantage premiums rise slightly in 2023, eHealth report finds - <https://www.beckerspayer.com/payer/medicare-advantage-premiums-rise-slightly-in-2023-ehealth-report-finds.html>
 - Becker's Hospital Review: 76% of payers say prior authorization laws have negative impact - <https://www.beckerspayer.com/payer/76-of-payers-say-prior-authorization-laws-have-negative-impact.html>
 - Fierce Healthcare: House lawmakers press Biden admin to change latest surprise billing rule - <https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/house-lawmakers-press-biden-admin-change-latest-surprise-billing-rule>
- Nursing home quality initiative
 - Bloomberg: Nursing Homes Urged to Stay on Top of Covid Care, Boosters - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RLRQXLT0AFB4>
- Health equity-related items

- Modern Healthcare: 5 things HHS says hospitals can do to reduce emissions - https://www.modernhealthcare.com/esg/how-hospitals-can-cut-emissions-achieve-net-zero-2050?utm_source=modern-healthcare-am-wednesday&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20221122&utm_content=article2-headline
- Hospital merger news
 - No new items
- Telehealth news
 - Forbes: Is Lack Of Innovation Killing Telehealth? - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/forbesbusinesscouncil/2022/11/23/is-lack-of-innovation-killing-telehealth/?sh=5a3fbd355d2a>
 - Health Leaders: Congress Pressed To Extend Pre-Deductible Telehealth Waiver - <https://www.healthleadersmedia.com/telehealth/congress-pressed-extend-pre-deductible-telehealth-waiver>
 - mHealthIntelligence: Federal Funding to Support Nurse, Rural Public Health Telehealth Training - <https://mhealthintelligence.com/news/federal-funding-to-support-nurse-rural-public-health-telehealth-training>
 - mHealthIntelligence: Despite Challenges, Telehealth Can Provide Effective Cardiovascular Care - <https://mhealthintelligence.com/news/despite-challenges-telehealth-can-provide-effective-cardiovascular-care>
- 118th Congress and lame-duck news
 - Axios: The new Democratic leaders' health team - <https://www.axios.com/pro/health-care-policy/2022/11/22/house-democratic-leaders-health-staffers>
- ALS news
 - ALS News Today: ALS Patients Given NurOwn Calling for FDA Meeting to Discuss Refusal - <https://alsnewstoday.com/news/als-patients-given-nurown-call-fda-meeting-discuss-refusal/>