HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: November 3, 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
  - Axios: Pharma’s revenge: Why pharmacy benefit managers could be the next drug pricing battle, [see attached PDF](https://www.axios.com)

- Nurse staffing
  - No new items

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

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

- Physical rehabilitation
• Skilled Nursing News: Worrying 4.4% Cut Leaves Nursing Home Therapy Providers in Limbo - [https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/11/worrying-4-4-cut-leaves-nursing-home-therapy-providers-in-limbo/?euid=e0557ca2d3&utm_source=snn-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=d0285b4782&mc_cid=d0285b4782&mc_eid=e0557ca2d3](https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/11/worrying-4-4-cut-leaves-nursing-home-therapy-providers-in-limbo/?euid=e0557ca2d3&utm_source=snn-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=d0285b4782&mc_cid=d0285b4782&mc_eid=e0557ca2d3)

• Hospital and physician payment-related items


  o Axios: Hospitals have a target on their backs, see attached PDF


• Nursing home quality initiative
• **No new items**

- **Health equity-related items**
  - [Health Affairs](https://www.healthaffairs.org/content/forefront/equity-first-vaccination-initiative-s-challenges-and-successes): The Equity-First Vaccination Initiative’s Challenges And Successes
  - [Stat News (Opinion)](https://www.statnews.com/2022/11/03/strengthening-hhs-proposed-rule-prohibiting-discrimination-by-algorithms/): HHS’s proposed rule prohibiting discrimination via algorithm needs strengthening

- **Hospital merger news**

- **Telehealth news**