HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: November 8, 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
  - [Bloomberg](https://www.bfgov.com/next/news/RKZQCET0AFB4) - Drug Price Law to Demand Close FDA Coordination With Medicare.

- Nurse staffing
  - [EurekAlert!](https://www.eurekalert.org/news-releases/970460) - Crowded emergency departments may affect patients throughout the hospital.

- Organ donation and transplantation items
  - [Still looking for House Oversight report](#)
  - [Healio](https://www.healio.com/news/organ-transplantation) - High MELD score not linked to worse survival for living donor liver transplant recipients.
• Visor/dental care in Medicare-related items

• Physical rehabilitation

• Hospital and physician payment-related items

• Nursing home quality initiative

  • **No new items**

• Health equity-related items


  • **MedCity News**: Pandemic Planning Is Incomplete Without Health Equity at Its Core - [https://medcitynews.com/2022/11/health-equity-latino-health/](https://medcitynews.com/2022/11/health-equity-latino-health/)


• Hospital merger news


  • **Fierce Healthcare**: Cross-market hospital consolidation is on the rise and understudied, researchers say - [https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/cross-market-hospital-consolidation-rise-and-understudied-researchers-say](https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/cross-market-hospital-consolidation-rise-and-understudied-researchers-say)

• Telehealth news


  • **MedPage Today**: Telehealth Training May Address Shortages for Pediatric Mental Health Services - [https://www.medpagetoday.com/meetingcoverage/neicongress/101618](https://www.medpagetoday.com/meetingcoverage/neicongress/101618)
- **Fierce Healthcare**: Patients now more comfortable with telehealth thanks to pandemic-driven surge in virtual care: study - https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/telehealth/rand-longitudinal-telehealth-survey-showed-through-covid-interest-tech-increased-use