

HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: November 9, 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: Drugmakers Seek Prolonged Shield From Medicare Price Negotiation - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RL2TGMDWLU68>
 - Bloomberg: Amgen High Court Patent Fight Carries Big Stakes for Drugmakers - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RL2RKMDWLU68>
 - Bloomberg: FDA Has 'Broad Discretion' in Generic Drug Review, Guidance Says - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RL1J6DT0G1KW>
 - Pink Sheet: Republican Leaders In Congress Want To Undercut Drug Pricing Law: What's The Opportunity? - <https://pink.pharmaintelligence.informa.com/PS147253/Republican-Leaders-In-Congress-Want-To-Undercut-Drug-Pricing-Law-Whats-The-Opportunity>
 - MedCity News: Getting off the PBM Merry-go-Round: How Late-stage Offer Tricks Take Employers for a Ride - <https://medcitynews.com/2022/11/cvs-pharmacy-benefit-management-drug-pricing/>
- Nurse staffing
 - Healthcare Dive: Half of nurses consider leaving the profession, survey finds - <https://www.healthcaredive.com/news/covid-pandemic-nurse-burnout-leaving-profession-connectRN/636033/>
 - McKnights Senior Living: Pharmacists want bigger role after providing pandemic staffing boost - <https://www.mcknights.com/news/pharmacists-want-bigger-role-after-providing-pandemic-staffing-boost/>
- Organ donation and transplantation items
 - Still looking for House Oversight report
 - No new items

- Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items
 - No new items
- Physical rehabilitation
 - No new items
- Hospital and physician payment-related items
 - American Medical Association: Advocacy in action: Fairness in out-of-network billing disputes - <https://www.ama-assn.org/delivering-care/patient-support-advocacy/advocacy-action-fairness-out-network-billing-disputes>
 - Medical Economics: Congress must act to avoid Medicare reimbursement cuts in 2023, senators say - <https://www.medicaleconomics.com/view/congress-must-act-to-avoid-medicare-reimbursement-cut-in-2023-senators-say>
 - Becker's Hospital Review: CMS doubles down on value-based payments for specialty care: 4 things to know - <https://www.beckerspayer.com/policy-updates/cms-doubles-down-on-value-based-payments-for-specialty-care-4-things-to-know.html>
 - RevCycleIntelligence: Advanced Bundled Payment Model Reduced Payments for High-Risk Patients - <https://revcycleintelligence.com/news/advanced-bundled-payment-model-reduced-payments-for-high-risk-patients>
 - Fierce Healthcare: Medical groups close Q3 in tough financial position with expenses outpacing patient volumes - <https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/medical-groups-close-q3-tough-financial-position-expenses-outpacing-patient-volumes>
- Nursing home quality initiative
 - No new items
- Health equity-related items
 - RevCycleIntelligence: Medicare, Medicaid DSH Payment Methods Exacerbate Racial Disparities - <https://revcycleintelligence.com/news/medicare-medicaid-dsh-payment-methods-exacerbate-racial-disparities>
- Hospital merger news
 - No new items

- Telehealth news
 - American Medical Association: Advocacy in action: Supporting telehealth - <https://www.ama-assn.org/practice-management/digital/advocacy-action-supporting-telehealth>
 - Washington Post (Opinion): Telemedicine has improved health-care access. Let's keep it that way - <https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2022/11/08/telemedicine-public-health-emergency-covid-pandemic/>
 - mHealth Intelligence: Telehealth Earned a Place in Standard Healthcare Delivery Approaches - <https://mhealthintelligence.com/news/telehealth-earned-a-place-in-standard-healthcare-delivery-approaches>