HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: December 1, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate convenes at 10 a.m. Following leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Schumer, D-N.Y., motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jerry W. Blackwell to be a U.S. district judge for the District of Minnesota. At 11:30 a.m., the Senate will vote on agreeing to the Schumer motions to invoke cloture on Blackwell nomination and the nomination of Doris L. Pryor to be a U.S. circuit judge for the Seventh Circuit. Additional votes are expected, but not yet scheduled.
  
  - Nominations:
    - Jerry W. Blackwell to be a U.S. district judge for the District of Minnesota.
    - Doris L. Pryor to be a U.S. circuit judge for the Seventh Circuit.

- The House reconvenes at noon for legislative business. The chamber is expected to consider a bill (HR 3372) that would establish a grant program to create community reentry centers after individuals are released from prison and a bill (HR 6878) that would require appropriate services and programs are provided for incarcerated women in federal prison.
  
  - Bills:
    - HR 6878 — Protecting the Health and Wellness of Babies and Pregnant Women Act
    - HR 3372 — One Stop Shop Community Reentry Program Act

Health policy update:

- Drug pricing and Inflation Reduction Act-related items
  
  
  


- Nurse staffing
  - MedCity News: To Fix Burnout, Providers Must Think Beyond Monetary Rewards - [https://medcitynews.com/2022/11/to-fix-burnout-providers-must-think-beyond-monetary-rewards/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=236230777&_hsenc=p2ANqtz_x58_ezT8azC_Cy1fLYTQA1mOUNurPZxKOuqF9FqkOr1ci2bPQuV3lp2EOjMH7JzHM0eOZ2ddegtcVQQFbIn6XHBPPnMQ&utm_content=236230777&utm_source=hs_email](https://medcitynews.com/2022/11/to-fix-burnout-providers-must-think-beyond-monetary-rewards/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=236230777&_hsenc=p2ANqtz_x58_ezT8azC_Cy1fLYTQA1mOUNurPZxKOuqF9FqkOr1ci2bPQuV3lp2EOjMH7JzHM0eOZ2ddegtcVQQFbIn6XHBPPnMQ&utm_content=236230777&utm_source=hs_email)

  - Fierce Healthcare: October's labor woes drive higher costs, worsened margins for hospitals: Kaufman Hall - [https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/octobers-labor-woes-drive-higher-costs-fewer-discharges-worsened-margins-hospitals](https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/octobers-labor-woes-drive-higher-costs-fewer-discharges-worsened-margins-hospitals)

- 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

  - No new items

- Hospital and physician payment-related items


Axios: Hospital care at home faces possible sunset - https://www.axios.com/2022/12/01/hospital-care-home-possible-sunset


- **Nursing home quality initiative**

- **Health equity-related items**
  - **Fierce Healthcare**: Industry Voices—Ageism through the lens of healthcare disparities - [https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/industry-voices-ageism-through-lens-healthcare-disparities](https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/industry-voices-ageism-through-lens-healthcare-disparities)

- **Hospital merger news**

- **Telehealth news**

- **118th Congress and lame-duck news**
  - **Bloomberg**: Mental Health Crisis Spurs Key Senators’ Push for Year-End Bills - [https://www.bgv.com/next/news/RM6GGDDWX2Q0](https://www.bgv.com/next/news/RM6GGDDWX2Q0)
- **Bloomberg**: White House Knocks Thune Bid to Tie Debt Limit, Entitlements - [https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RM687JT0AFB4](https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RM687JT0AFB4)


  - ALS news

  - **EurekAlert!**: With high costs and similar benefits, use of new neurology drugs is low - [https://www.eurekalert.org/news-releases/972625](https://www.eurekalert.org/news-releases/972625)