HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: December 2, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate is not in session.

- The House reconvened at 9 a.m. for legislative business and is expected to consider a bill (HR 8876) that would reauthorize the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting program.
  - Bills:
    - HR 8876 — The Jackie Walorski Maternal and Child Home Visiting Reauthorization Act

Health policy update:

- Drug pricing and Inflation Reduction Act-related items
  - Becker’s Hospital Review: 6 policy changes in 2023 payers should know - https://www.beckerspayer.com/payer/6-policy-changes-in-2023-payers-should-know.html

- Nurse staffing


- 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
- **Politico**: GOP Doctors Caucus asks Republican committee leaders to act on Medicare cuts - [https://subscriber.politicopro.com/article/2022/12/gop-doctors-caucus-asks-committee-leaders-to-act-on-medicare-cuts-00071725](https://subscriber.politicopro.com/article/2022/12/gop-doctors-caucus-asks-committee-leaders-to-act-on-medicare-cuts-00071725)

- **Health Affairs**: Value-Based Payment As A Tool To Address Excess US Health Spending - [https://www.healthaffairs.org/do/10.1377/hpb20221014.526546/](https://www.healthaffairs.org/do/10.1377/hpb20221014.526546/)


- **Becker’s Hospital Review**: Highs of 4.3% to lows of -3.5%: How hospital margins dipped over 12 months - [https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/finance/highs-of-4-3-to-lows-of-3-5-how-hospital-margins-dipped-over-12-months.html](https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/finance/highs-of-4-3-to-lows-of-3-5-how-hospital-margins-dipped-over-12-months.html)


- **Nursing home quality initiative**

- **Health equity-related items**
  - **No new items**

- **Hospital merger news**
  - **No new items**

- **Telehealth news**
  - **Politico**: Oversight panel says agencies could do more to prevent telehealth fraud - [https://subscriber.politicopro.com/article/2022/12/oversight-panel-says-agencies-could-do-more-to-prevent-telehealth-fraud-00071628](https://subscriber.politicopro.com/article/2022/12/oversight-panel-says-agencies-could-do-more-to-prevent-telehealth-fraud-00071628)

  - **MedCity News**: AHIP: Americans Want Congress To Make Telehealth Capabilities Permanent - [https://medcitynews.com/2022/12/ahip-americans-want-congress](https://medcitynews.com/2022/12/ahip-americans-want-congress)
to-make-telehealth-capabilities-permanent/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&_hs_email=236379208&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-ZJkjLF8pBYg7MgWHoXJDrEuKq3zViyr-mHSlpVekTI_Vp4nvWkGR8jiF0tQG7T91Y74UXcCNUcv0YYViLns86X2ow&utm_content=236379208&utm_source=hs_email


- 118th Congress and lame-duck news

- ALS news