

HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: December 28, 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
 - Politico: Democrats' drug pricing fight is just getting started - <https://subscriber.politicopro.com/article/2022/12/democrats-drug-pricing-fight-is-just-getting-started-00075246?source=email>
 - The Hill (Opinion): Congress must follow these new year's resolutions - <https://thehill.com/opinion/congress-blog/3789702-congress-must-follow-these-new-years-resolutions/>
- Nurse staffing
 - NBC News: Travel nurses took high-paying jobs during Covid. But then their pay was slashed, sometimes in half - <https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-care/travel-nurses-took-high-paying-jobs-covid-pay-slashed-rcna59604>
 - Becker's Hospital Review: Free virtual course cross-trains nurses fast to help in pediatric departments - <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/nursing/free-virtual-course-cross-trains-nurses-fast-to-help-in-pediatric-departments.html>
- Organ donation and transplantation items
 - Still looking for House Oversight report
 - AP News: Making pig livers humanlike in quest to ease organ shortage - <https://apnews.com/article/science-health-biology-organ-transplants-minneapolis-1522fa40ec69e565d8c1c90e7c85deda>
- Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items
 - No new items
- Physical rehabilitation
 - No new items

- Hospital and physician payment-related items
 - American Hospital Association: CMS amends CY 2023 fee guidance for independent dispute resolution process; Agencies issue initial report for April-September - <https://www.aha.org/news/headline/2022-12-27-cms-amends-cy-2023-fee-guidance-independent-dispute-resolution-process-agencies-issue-initial-report>
 - Washington Post (Opinion): Why America doesn't love HMOs as much as I do - <https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2022/12/28/hmo-kaiser-health-care-love/>
 - Forbes: CMS Has The Clout To Significantly Improve Health Care Delivery, But Fearing Political And Legal Backlash Has Settled Instead For Band-Aids - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/ritanumerof/2022/12/27/cms-has-the-clout-to-significantly-improve-health-care-delivery-but-fearing-political-and-legal-backlash-has-settled-instead-for-band-aids/?sh=4e30acf4cedd>
 - Stat News (Opinion): How value-based payments to clinicians can help close equity gaps - <https://www.statnews.com/2022/12/28/value-based-payments-clinicians-can-help-close-equity-gaps/>
 - Health Leaders: Revenue Cycle Leader Weighs The Future Of No Surprises Act - <https://www.healthleadersmedia.com/revenue-cycle/revenue-cycle-leader-weighs-future-no-surprises-act>
 - Inside Health Policy: CMS Sets Max OOP Limit For 2024 Plans; Proposes Key Deadlines - https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/cms-sets-max-oop-limit-2024-plans-proposes-key-deadlines?utm_medium=mh
 - mHealthIntelligence: Hospital-at-Home Care Model: What it is and Why it Works - <https://mhealthintelligence.com/features/hospital-at-home-care-model-what-it-is-and-why-it-works>
- Nursing home quality initiative
 - No new items
- Health equity-related items
 - No new items
- Hospital merger news
 - Modern Healthcare: Staying independent in a consolidated hospital sector - <https://www.modernhealthcare.com/mergers-acquisitions/marinhealth->

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- Becker's Hospital Review: 3 letters will make or break health system growth in 2023 - <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/hospital-transactions-and-valuation/3-letters-will-make-or-break-health-system-growth-in-2023.html>
- Telehealth news
 - Forbes: Telehealth May Be Rural Healthcare's Lifeline - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/forbesbusinesscouncil/2022/12/28/telehealth-may-be-rural-healthcares-lifeline/?sh=5b4d91183e9d>
 - Politico: Cyberattacks are already deadly in the U.S. — at hospitals - <https://subscriber.politicopro.com/article/2022/12/cyberattacks-u-s-hospitals-00075638?source=email>
 - Inside Health Policy: AMA Views Telehealth As Key To States' Efforts To End Opioid Epidemic - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/inside-telehealth-daily-news/ama-views-telehealth-key-states%E2%80%99-efforts-end-opioid-epidemic>
 - Becker's Hospital Review: CISOs on the top 2022 healthcare cybersecurity trends - <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/cybersecurity/cisos-on-the-top-2022-healthcare-cybersecurity-trends.html>
- ALS news
 - ALS News Today: State ALS Registries Collect Valuable Data, but Few Are in Process - <https://alsnewstoday.com/news/state-als-registries-collect-valuable-data-but-few-now-place/>