

HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: December 29, 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: Employers, Pushed to Use Biosimilars, Fret Over Drug Formularies - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RNNEIYTOAFBY>
 - Politico: 'The slippery slope is powerful': Dems believe drug pricing law will pay dividends - <https://www.politico.com/news/2022/12/29/democrats-drug-pricing-medicare-00075246>
- Nurse staffing
 - MedPage Today: Are U.S. Healthcare Workers Better Off Unionized? - <https://www.medpagetoday.com/special-reports/features/102421>
 - Becker's Hospital Review: Healthcare staff salary budget plans for 2023 - <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/finance/healthcare-staff-salary-budget-plans-for-2023.html>
 - RevCycleIntelligence: Share of Unionized Healthcare Workers Remained Low for 12 Years - <https://revcycleintelligence.com/news/share-of-unionized-healthcare-workers-remained-low-for-12-years>
- 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
 - Forbes: 2023: The Year Medicare Advantage Begins To Dominate Traditional Medicare - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/brucejapsen/2022/12/29/2023-the-year-medicare-advantage-begins-to-dominate-traditional-medicare/?sh=500a8afb14b4>
 - Health Leaders: Increase In Length Of Stay Adds To Hospitals' Financial Strain - <https://www.healthleadersmedia.com/revenue-cycle/increase-length-stay-adds-hospitals-financial-strain>
 - Modern Healthcare: Hospital operating margins to stay depressed in 2023 - https://www.modernhealthcare.com/finance/hospitals-financial-2023-contract-labor-staffing-payer-reimbursements?utm_source=modern-healthcare-am-thursday&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20221228&utm_content=article-1-headline
- Nursing home quality initiative
 - No new items
- Health equity-related items
 - MedPage Today (Opinion): I Fear for the Legal Determinants of Health - <https://www.medpagetoday.com/opinion/the-health-docket/102414>
 - MedCity News: Health Equity is Everyone's Business; Success Requires a Strategy Rooted in Community Voice and Data - <https://medcitynews.com/2022/12/health-equity-is-everyones-business-success-requires-a-strategy-rooted-in-community-voice-and-data/>
- Hospital merger news
 - No new items
- Telehealth news
 - mHealthIntelligence: Understanding Telehealth Barriers for Limited English Proficiency Patients - <https://mhealthintelligence.com/features/understanding-telehealth-barriers-for-limited-english-proficiency-patients>
 - Healthcare Finance News: Hospitals get omnibus wins in extension of telehealth and hospital at home programs - <https://www.healthcarefinancenews.com/news/hospitals-get-omnibus-wins-extension-telehealth-and-hospital-home-programs>

- ALS news
 - No new items