Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate convenes at 10 a.m. At 11:30 a.m., the Senate will vote on confirmation of Mia Roberts Perez to be a U.S. district judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and on cloture on Kai N. Scott to be a U.S. district judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. At 1:30 p.m., the Senate will vote on confirmation of the Scott nomination, if cloture is invoked, and on confirmation of John Frank Murphy to be a U.S. district judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. At 5 p.m., the Senate will vote on cloture on Jeffery Paul Hopkins to be a U.S. district judge for the Southern District of Ohio and on confirmation of the nomination of Jerry W. Blackwell to be a U.S. district judge for the District of Minnesota.

  - Nominations:

    - Jeffery Paul Hopkins to be a U.S. district judge for the Southern District of Ohio.
    - Mia Roberts Perez to be a U.S. district judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.
    - Kai N. Scott to be a U.S. district judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.
    - John Frank Murphy to be a U.S. district judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.
    - Jerry W. Blackwell to be a U.S. district judge for the District of Minnesota.

- The House reconvenes at 2 p.m. for legislative business. The chamber is expected to consider a bill (HR 7776) that would authorize funding for defense programs for FY 2023, a bill (HR 3648) that would remove the current per-country visa cap on employment-based visas, and take a final vote on one bill previously debated under suspension of the rules (S 1617).

  - Bills:

    - HR 7776 — Legislative Vehicle for the Fiscal 2023 Defense Authorization
    - HR 3648 — Equal Access to Green cards for Legal Employment (EAGLE) Act
    - S 1617 — Disaster Assistance for Rural Communities Act

Health policy update:

- Drug pricing and Inflation Reduction Act-related items

- Stat News: The prices of 7 drugs were hiked without proof of new benefits, costing the U.S. $805 million in 2021 - [https://www.statnews.com/pharmalot/2022/12/06/drug-prices-icer-xifaxan/](https://www.statnews.com/pharmalot/2022/12/06/drug-prices-icer-xifaxan/)


- Nurse staffing

  - MedCity News: There Is a Shortage of Public Health Workers. How Can That Be Fixed? - [https://medcitynews.com/2022/12/there-is-a-shortage-of-public-health-workers-how-can-that-be-fixed/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=236963827&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9j4kUOeI375I3A6HeihSqsL8fkmxTiOgTqV1g1-ShY7D7c-DWv4XeHNYKkop3JDfLHCdQiBDf7CeOMKYYvduuXAg7Q&utm_content=236963827&utm_source=hs_email](https://medcitynews.com/2022/12/there-is-a-shortage-of-public-health-workers-how-can-that-be-fixed/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=236963827&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9j4kUOeI375I3A6HeihSqsL8fkmxTiOgTqV1g1-ShY7D7c-DWv4XeHNYKkop3JDfLHCdQiBDf7CeOMKYYvduuXAg7Q&utm_content=236963827&utm_source=hs_email)


- Organ donation and transplantation items

  - Still looking for House Oversight report

- **Medical Xpress**: Solid organ transplant patients may be at higher risk for skin cancer and require coordinated care - [https://medicalxpress.com/news/2022-12-solid-transplant-patients-higher-skin.html](https://medicalxpress.com/news/2022-12-solid-transplant-patients-higher-skin.html)

- **Vison/dental care in Medicare-related items**
  - **No new items**

- **Physical rehabilitation**
  - **No new items**

- **Hospital and physician payment-related items**

  - **Bloomberg**: Health Insurers Look to Move Ex-Medicaid Customers to Obamacare - [https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RMINV2T0AFB4](https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RMINV2T0AFB4)


  - **MedPage Today**: All They Want for Christmas Is ... No Medicare Payment Cuts - [https://www.medpagetoday.com/publichealthpolicy/medicare/102097](https://www.medpagetoday.com/publichealthpolicy/medicare/102097)

  - **MedCity News**: Medicare Needs to Pay for Some of Hospitals’ Discharge Delays, AHA Says - [https://medcitynews.com/2022/12/medicare-needs-to-pay-for-some-of-hospitals-discharge-delays-aha-says/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&hsenc=p2ANqtz-A95t_EIR81Up1EQLzGjllibwQOKAlty3oaOELfjFPSWXO3vg8ciJGEc1tRc0MO059RoE_C7sDdYDNe7tDPzsTITOg&utm_content=236963827&utm_source=hs_email](https://medcitynews.com/2022/12/medicare-needs-to-pay-for-some-of-hospitals-discharge-delays-aha-says/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&hsenc=p2ANqtz-A95t_EIR81Up1EQLzGjllibwQOKAlty3oaOELfjFPSWXO3vg8ciJGEc1tRc0MO059RoE_C7sDdYDNe7tDPzsTITOg&utm_content=236963827&utm_source=hs_email)


- Nursing home quality initiative
  - No new items

- Health equity-related items

- Hospital merger news
  - No new items

- Telehealth news

- 118th Congress and lame-duck news

o **Bloomberg**: Health Insurers, Hospitals Face Mandates to Assist Data Sharing - [https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RMHQC6DWLU68](https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RMHQC6DWLU68)


- ALS news
  - **No new items**