HEALTH CARE POLICY UPDATE: JUNE 13, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate convenes at 3 p.m. Following leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the veterans' toxic exposure benefits bill (HR 3967). At 5:30, the Senate will vote on agreeing to the Schumer, D-N.Y., motion to invoke cloture on the Tester, D-Mont., substitute amendment no. 5051 to HR 3967.
  - Bills:
    - HR 3967 — Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (Honoring our PACT) Act

- The House reconvenes at 2 p.m. for legislative business and is expected to consider measures under suspension of the rules. Roll call votes will be postponed until 6:30 p.m.
  - Bills:
    - S 516 — Advanced Air Mobility Coordination and Leadership Act
    - HR 2020 — Post-Disaster Assistance Online Accountability Act
    - HR 7211 — Small State and Rural Rescue Act
    - S 3580 — Ocean Shipping Reform Act

Health policy update:

- BBB drug pricing and drug price negotiation items
  - Washington Post (Opinion): We need a labeling system for pharmaceutical prices - [https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2022/06/10/pharmaceutical-pricing-labeling-system/](https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2022/06/10/pharmaceutical-pricing-labeling-system/)
• Nurse staffing
  o National Nurses United: Registered nurses at Seton announce two-day strike - https://www.nationalnursesunited.org/press/seton-rns-announce-two-day-strike
  o CT Mirror: Demand for nurses is urgent. CT’s colleges and universities can’t keep up - https://ctmirror.org/2022/06/12/demand-for-nurses-is-urgent-cts-colleges-and-universities-cant-keep-up/

• STIs

• Colon cancer-related items
  o No new items

• Organ donation and transplantation items
  o Still looking for House Oversight report
  o CNN Health: When we’ll be able to 3D-print organs and who will be able to afford them - https://www.cnn.com/2022/06/10/health/3d-printed-organs-bioprinting-life-itsel-wellness-scn/index.html
• Vison/dental care in Medicare-related items

• Physical rehabilitation
  o No new items

• Hospital and physician payment-related items
  o Office of Inspector General, Press Release: Medicare and Beneficiaries Paid Substantially More to Provider-Based Facilities in Eight Selected States in Calendar Years 2010 Through 2017 Than They Paid to Freestanding Facilities in the Same States for the Same Type of Services - https://oig.hhs.gov/oas/reports/region7/71802815.asp
  o Becker’s ASC Review: The cost of running a medical practice has increased by 39 percent, says 1 director. See how he's handling the change - https://www.beckersasc.com/leadership/the-cost-of-running-a-medical-practice-has-increased-by-39-percent-says-1-director-see-how-he-s-handling-the-change.html
• Nursing home quality initiative

  o The Center Square: 74 nursing homes fined up to $50,000 each for reported violations - https://www.thecentersquare.com/illinois/74-nursing-homes-fined-up-to-50-000-each-for-reported-violations/article_5ce4fdd0-e774-11ec-9e45-e360da723aca.html