HEALTH CARE POLICY UPDATE: JUNE 15, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate convened at 10 a.m. Following leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the veterans' toxic exposure benefits bill (HR 3967). At 11:45, the Senate will vote on the following: adoption of the Tester, D-Mont., substitute amendment no. 5051 to HR 3967 and agreeing to the Schumer, D-N.Y., motion to invoke cloture on HR 3967. At 5:15 p.m., the Senate will vote on the following: agreeing to a Paul, R-Ky., motion to proceed to a budget resolution (S Con Res 41) and confirmation of the nomination of Alan M. Leventhal to be U.S. ambassador to Denmark.

  - Bills:
    - HR 3967 — Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (Honoring our PACT) Act.
    - S Con Res 41 — A concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2023 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2024 through 2032.

  - Nominations:
    - Alan M. Leventhal to be U.S. ambassador to Denmark.

- The House reconvenes at noon for legislative business. The chamber is expected to consider a bill (HR 2543) that would provide support for minority-owned financial institutions, strengthen enforcement of fair lending laws, and require banks to report on their diversity practices.

  - Bills:
    - HR 2543 — Federal Reserve Racial and Economic Equity Act.

Health policy update:

- BBB drug pricing and drug price negotiation items
• **MedPageToday**: Doctor's Orders: An Rx to Curb Rising Drug Costs -
  [https://www.medpagetoday.com/opinion/second-opinions/99232](https://www.medpagetoday.com/opinion/second-opinions/99232)

• **Nurse staffing**
  
  o **USA Today**: 'Something has to change': Health care workers who cared for us during COVID are burning out -
    [https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2022/06/14/covid-health-care-workers-surgeon-general/7585530001/](https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2022/06/14/covid-health-care-workers-surgeon-general/7585530001/)

• **STIs**
  
  o No new items

• **Colon cancer-related items**
  
  o No new items

• **Organ donation and transplantation items**
  
  o Still looking for House Oversight report

  o **The Hill**: Lawmakers seek bipartisan path for improving kidney disease care -

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

• **Physical rehabilitation**
  
  o No new items

• **Hospital and physician payment-related items**
  
  o **AMA**: AHA Urges Congress to Act Now to Prevent Additional Medicare Sequester Cuts to Hospitals -

  o **Bloomberg**: Backlash Over Coverage Denials Stings Private Medicare Plans -


- Nursing home quality initiative


