HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: JUNE 16, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate convenes at 10 a.m. Following leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the veterans' toxic exposure benefits bill (HR 3967). At 11:15 a.m., the Senate will vote on the following: passage of HR 3967, as amended, agreeing to the Schumer, D-N.Y., motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Ana Isabel de Alba to be a U.S. district judge for the Eastern District of California, and agreeing to the Schumer motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Mary T. Boyle to be a commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.
  - Bills:
    - HR 3967 — Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (Honoring our PACT) Act
  - Nominations:
    - Ana Isabel de Alba to be a U.S. district judge for the Eastern District of California.
    - Mary T. Boyle to be a commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

- The House reconvened at 9 a.m. for legislative business. The chamber is expected to consider a bill (HR 7606) that would appropriate $700 million to promote precision agriculture and provide grants to install biofuel infrastructure, as well as authorizing funding to encourage competition in meat processing.
  - Bills:
    - HR 7606 — Meat and Poultry Special Investigator Act

Health policy update:

- BBB drug pricing and drug price negotiation items
MedCityNews: November will bring political change. Will it also change drug prices and PDUFA? - https://medcitynews.com/2022/06/november-will-bring-political-change-will-it-also-change-drug-prices-and-pdufa/

- Nurse staffing
  - Advisory Board: How 3 health systems are navigating the workforce crisis - https://www.advisory.com/daily-briefing/2022/06/15/workforce-shortages

- STIs
  - No new items

- Colon cancer-related items
  - No new items

- Organ donation and transplantation items
  - Still looking for House Oversight report
- Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items
  - No new items

- Physical rehabilitation
  - No new items

- Hospital and physician payment-related items
  - Becker’s Hospital CFO Report: Hospitals will lose $3B this year if Medicare payment cut isn’t stopped, group says - https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/finance/hospitals-will-lose-3b-this-year-if-medicare-payment-cut-isn-t-stopped-group-says.html

- Nursing home quality initiative