

## HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: JUNE 21, 2022

### Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate convenes at 3 p.m. Following leader remarks, the Senate will be in a period of morning business. One vote is expected at 5:30.
- 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:
    - HR 7777 — Industrial Control Systems Cybersecurity Training Act
    - HR 7174 — National Computer Forensics Institute Reauthorization Act
    - HR 5274 — Prevent Exposure to Narcotics and Toxics (PREVENT) Act
    - HR 7072 — NDO Fairness Act
    - HR 3285 — 21<sup>st</sup> Century President Act
    - HR 6538 — Active Shooter Alert Act
    - HR 1934 — Promoting United States International Leadership in 5G Act
    - H Con Res 59 — A concurrent resolution condemning the October 25, 2021, military coup in Sudan and standing with the people of Sudan.
    - H Res 720 — A resolution calling for stability and the cessation of violence and condemning ISIS-affiliated terrorist activity in northern Mozambique, including the Cabo Delgado Province, and for other purposes.
    - H Con Res 45 — A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the execution-style murders of United States citizens Ylli, Agron, and Mehmet Bytyqi in the Republic of Serbia in July 1999.
    - H Res 892 — A resolution calling on the Government of the Republic of Rwanda to release Paul Rusesabagina on humanitarian grounds.

### Health policy update:

- BBB drug pricing and drug price negotiation items
  - NBC: Medicare could save billions on generic drugs buying at Mark Cuban's prices - <https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/medicare-drug-prices-us-billions-generics-buying-mark-cuban-prices-stu-rcna33949>
  - The Hill: Medicare could save \$3.6B buying generic drugs at Mark Cuban pharmacy's prices: study - <https://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/3530739-medicare-could-save-3-6b-buying-generic-drugs-at-mark-cuban-pharmacys-prices-study/>
  - Consumer Health News: Medicare Could Save Millions By Taking Cue from Mark Cuban's Online Pharmacy - <https://consumer.healthday.com/b-6-21-medicare->

[could-save-millions-with-low-prices-on-generic-prescription-drugs-2657537858.html](https://www.natlawreview.com/article/supreme-court-saves-hospitals-16b-cut-to-340b-program)

- National Law Review: Supreme Court Saves Hospitals from \$1.6B Cut to 340B Program - <https://www.natlawreview.com/article/supreme-court-saves-hospitals-16b-cut-to-340b-program>
- Nurse staffing
  - Modern Healthcare: Hospitals are suffering from worker shortages. Can technology fill the gaps? - [https://www.modernhealthcare.com/technology/worker-shortages-remaining-hospitals-turn-technology-fill-gaps?utm\\_source=modern-healthcare-am-tuesday&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=20220621&utm\\_content=article-5-headline](https://www.modernhealthcare.com/technology/worker-shortages-remaining-hospitals-turn-technology-fill-gaps?utm_source=modern-healthcare-am-tuesday&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20220621&utm_content=article-5-headline)
- STIs
  - No new items
- Colon cancer-related items
  - No new items
- 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
  - Reuters: U.S. Supreme Court rebuffs UnitedHealth Group challenges on Medicare overpayments - <https://www.reuters.com/legal/government/us-supreme-court-rebuffs-unitedhealth-group-challenge-medicare-overpayments-2022-06-21/>

- Modern Healthcare: Hospitals call Medicare pay proposal 'woefully inadequate' - [https://www.modernhealthcare.com/payment/hospitals-call-medicare-pay-proposal-woefully-inadequate?utm\\_source=modern-healthcare-am-tuesday&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=20220621&utm\\_content=article-2-headline](https://www.modernhealthcare.com/payment/hospitals-call-medicare-pay-proposal-woefully-inadequate?utm_source=modern-healthcare-am-tuesday&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20220621&utm_content=article-2-headline)
- Medical Economics: How patient personalization can aid the transition to value-based care models - <https://www.medicaleconomics.com/view/how-patient-personalization-can-aid-the-transition-to-value-based-care-models>
- Nursing home quality initiative
  - Becker's Hospital Review: Home health firms to lose \$810M in Medicare payments - <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/finance/home-health-firms-to-lose-810m-in-medicare-payments.html>
  - Health Finance News: Home health agency payments in 2023 decrease by 4.2%, or \$810 million, under proposed rule - <https://www.healthcarefinancenews.com/news/home-health-agency-payments-2023-decrease-42-or-810-million-under-proposed-rule>
  - McKnight's Senior Living: 75 percent of providers pay commissions to sales, marketing staff: survey - <https://www.mcknightsseniorliving.com/home/news/75-percent-of-providers-pay-commissions-to-sales-marketing-staff-survey/>