

HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: JUNE 22, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate convenes at 11 a.m. Following leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the House message to accompany S 2938, the expected legislative vehicle for a bipartisan gun violence package. The Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 for weekly caucus lunches. Roll call votes are expected but not yet scheduled.
 - Bills:
 - S 2938 — Legislative vehicle for a bipartisan gun violence package
- The House reconvenes at noon for legislative business and is expected to consider measures under suspension of the rules. The chamber is also expected to consider a bill (HR 7666) that would reauthorize for five years more than 30 mental health and substance use disorder programs that expire on Sept. 30.
 - Bills:
 - HR 5407 — Enhancing Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Through Campus Planning Act
 - HR 6493 — Campus Prevention and Recovery Services for Students Act
 - HR 6411 — Support The Resiliency of Our Nation’s Great Veterans (STRONG Veterans) Act

Health policy update:

- BBB drug pricing and drug price negotiation items
 - [The Washington Post: Senators unroll bipartisan plan to curb insulin prices - https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/06/22/senators-unroll-bipartisan-plan-curb-insulin-prices/](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/06/22/senators-unroll-bipartisan-plan-curb-insulin-prices/)
 - [The Washington Post: There’s a bipartisan deal to curb insulin prices – but it’s hardly a done deal - https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/06/22/there-bipartisan-deal-curb-insulin-prices-it-hardly-done-deal/](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/06/22/there-bipartisan-deal-curb-insulin-prices-it-hardly-done-deal/)
 - [The Hill: Bipartisan pair of senators unveils bill to lower insulin costs - https://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/3531954-bipartisan-pair-of-senators-unveils-bill-to-lower-insulin-costs/](https://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/3531954-bipartisan-pair-of-senators-unveils-bill-to-lower-insulin-costs/)
 - [Roll Call: Senators release bill targeting insulin prices - https://rollcall.com/2022/06/22/senators-release-bill-targeting-insulin-prices/](https://rollcall.com/2022/06/22/senators-release-bill-targeting-insulin-prices/)

- Real Clear Policy (Opinion): New York Times Piece on Drug Market Ignores the Data (and Reality) -
https://www.realclearpolicy.com/articles/2022/06/22/new_york_times_piece_on_drug_market_ignores_the_data_and_reality_838488.html
- Nurse staffing
 - CBS News: “It’s just a form of neglect”: Nursing homes face severe staffing shortages, putting elderly at risk - <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/nursing-home-staffing-shortages/>
 - Skilled Nursing News: Starting From Within: How Nursing Home Operators Can Tackle Fewer Applicants, Draining Turnover -
<https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/06/starting-from-within-how-nursing-home-operators-can-tackle-fewer-applicants-draining-turnover/>
- STIs
 - No new items
- Colon cancer-related items
 - Drug Target Review: Novel combination therapy could eliminate colon tumours -
<https://www.drugtargetreview.com/news/103692/novel-combination-therapy-could-eliminate-colon-tumours/>
 - Physician’s Weekly: Mid-Transverse Location in Primary Colon Tumor: A Risk Factor? - <https://www.physiciansweekly.com/mid-transverse-location-in-primary-colon-tumor-a-risk-factor>
- 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

- Inside Health Policy: CMS Proposes 3.1% ESRD Pay Bump for 2023 - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/cms-proposes-31-esrd-pay-bump-2023>
- Inside Health Policy: Plan's Low ESRD Rates Don't Violate Medicare Secondary Payer Law - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/scotus-plan%E2%80%99s-low-esrd-rates-don%E2%80%99t-violate-medicare-secondary-payer-law>
- Inside Health Policy: Stakeholders Both Praise, Register Concerns With Draft Family Glitch Fix - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/stakeholders-both-praise-register-concerns-draft-family-glitch-fix>
- Modern Healthcare: CMS proposes pay boost for ESRD facilities - https://www.modernhealthcare.com/payment/cms-proposes-pay-boost-esrd-facilities?utm_source=modern-healthcare-am-wednesday&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20220621&utm_content=article2-headline
- Becker's Hospital Review: Inequities could cost healthcare system \$1 trillion annually by 2040: Deloitte - <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/finance/inequities-could-cost-healthcare-system-1-trillion-annually-by-2040-deloitte.html>
- Nursing home quality initiative
 - Inside Health Policy: Home Health Agencies Blast Proposed 2023 Cuts, May Go To Hill - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/home-health-agencies-blast-proposed-2023-cuts-may-go-hill>