

## HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: JUNE 27, 2022

### Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate is not in session.
- The House is not in session.

### Health policy update:

- BBB drug pricing and drug price negotiation items
  - Washington Post: Democrats race to revive economic package as inflation spikes - <https://www.washingtonpost.com/us-policy/2022/06/27/manchin-schumer-build-back-better/>
  - Bloomberg: Employers Hope FTC Probe of Pharmacy Benefits Eases Drug Prices - <https://news.bloomberglaw.com/health-law-and-business/employers-hope-ftc-probe-of-pharmacy-benefits-eases-drug-prices>
  - Bloomberg: Anthem, Express Scripts Drug Price Case Denied High Court Look - <https://news.bloomberglaw.com/pharma-and-life-sciences/anthem-express-scripts-drug-price-case-denied-high-court-look>
- Nurse staffing
  - Skilled Nursing News: How the Newest Crop of Nursing Home Operators Are Challenging the Status Quo - <https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/06/how-the-newest-crop-of-nursing-home-operators-are-challenging-the-status-quo/>
  - McKnight's Senior Living: Assisted living, CCRC workforce recovery among slowest in healthcare: NIC - <https://www.mcknightsseniorliving.com/home/news/assisted-living-ccrc-workforce-recovery-among-slowest-in-healthcare-nic/>
  - RevCycleIntelligence: AHA Shares Strategies for Addressing Healthcare Workforce Challenges - <https://revcycleintelligence.com/news/aha-shares-strategies-for-addressing-healthcare-workforce-challenges>
  - Nursing In Practice: Challenges in child health: A hidden backlog of unmet need - <https://www.nursinginpractice.com/analysis/challenges-in-child-health/>
- 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
  - NPR: He and his wife both got cataract surgery. His bill was 20 times higher than hers - <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2022/06/27/1107390667/he-and-his-wife-both-got-cataract-surgery-his-bill-was-20-times-higher-than-hers>
- Physical rehabilitation
  - No new items
- Hospital and physician payment-related items
  - CNBC: Health insurance premiums poised to jump next year for 13 million people unless Congress extends expanded subsidies for marketplace coverage - <https://www.cnbc.com/2022/06/27/health-insurance-premiums-through-marketplace-poised-to-jump-in-2023.html>
  - Stat News (Opinion): Now is not the time for Congress to further cut hospitals' Medicare payments - <https://www.statnews.com/2022/06/27/bad-time-congress-further-cut-hospitals-medicare-payments/>
  - Fierce Healthcare: AHA wants Congress to pressure CMS to reverse updates for inpatient payment rule - <https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/aha-wants-congress-pressure-cms-reverse-payment-updates-inpatient-payment-rule>
  - Health Leaders: Study: Telehealth Doesn't Lead to Excessive Healthcare Use - <https://www.healthleadersmedia.com/technology/study-telehealth-doesnt-lead-excessive-healthcare-use>
  - Home Health Care News: Home Health Industry Pushes Back on CMS Budget-Neutrality Methodology for PDGM – <https://homehealthcarenews.com/2022/06/home-health-industry-pushes-back-on-cms-budget-neutrality-methodology-for-pdgm/>

- Law Street Media: Supreme Court Affirms HHS Calculation Method of Medicine Reimbursement to Hospitals - <https://lawstreetmedia.com/news/health/supreme-court-affirms-hhs-calculation-method-of-medicare-reimbursement-to-hospitals/>
- Nursing home quality initiative
  - Skilled Nursing News: Nursing Home Chains' Patient Mix, Operational Patterns Linked to Financial and Quality Performance - <https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/06/nursing-home-chains-patient-mix-operational-patterns-linked-to-financial-and-quality-performance/>
  - HealthPayerIntelligence: How Nurses Enable Health Plans to Support Members Aging in Place - <https://healthpayerintelligence.com/news/how-nurses-enable-health-plans-to-support-members-aging-in-place>
  - Health Affairs: What We Learned From The Acute Hospital Care At Home Waiver—And What We Still Don't Know - <https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/forefront.20220623.684203>