## **HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: JUNE 29, 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
  - The Hill (Opinion): President Biden's unintended war on cancer patients -<a href="https://thehill.com/opinion/healthcare/3539317-president-bidens-unintended-war-on-cancer-patients/">https://thehill.com/opinion/healthcare/3539317-president-bidens-unintended-war-on-cancer-patients/</a>
  - <u>Forbes</u>: Breaking The Rule Of Drug Pricing In America -<u>https://www.forbes.com/sites/robertpearl/2022/06/29/breaking-the-rule-of-drug-pricing-in-america/?sh=4fc95bf9493f</u>
  - Stat News: 100 lawmakers ask HHS to use controversial federal laws to combat high drug prices - <a href="https://www.statnews.com/pharmalot/2022/06/28/patents-march-in-1498-becerra-xtandi-pfizer/">https://www.statnews.com/pharmalot/2022/06/28/patents-march-in-1498-becerra-xtandi-pfizer/</a>
  - Modern Healthcare: Supreme Court denies ERISA suit against Anthem, Express
     Scripts <a href="https://www.modernhealthcare.com/legal/supreme-court-denies-erisa-suit-against-anthem-express-scripts?utm\_source=modern-healthcare-am-wednesday&utm\_medium=email&utm\_campaign=20220628&utm\_content=article1-headline</a>
  - <u>Becker's Hospital Review:</u> Hospital group wants prompt payment of 340B funds after Supreme Court win -<a href="https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/finance/hospital-group-wants-prompt-payment-of-340b-funds-after-supreme-court-win.html">https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/finance/hospital-group-wants-prompt-payment-of-340b-funds-after-supreme-court-win.html</a>
  - JD Supra: Supreme Court Overturns Medicare Outpatient Drug Rate Cut for 340B Hospitals - <a href="https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/supreme-court-overturns-medicare-1561600/">https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/supreme-court-overturns-medicare-1561600/</a>
- Nurse staffing
  - Skilled Nursing News: Operators Decry Civil Monetary Penalty Lockouts As Punitive, Arbitrary Barrier to Workforce Expansion -<a href="https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/06/operators-decry-civil-monetary-penalty-lockouts-as-punitive-arbitrary-barrier-to-workforce-expansion/">https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/06/operators-decry-civil-monetary-penalty-lockouts-as-punitive-arbitrary-barrier-to-workforce-expansion/</a>

- Skilled Nursing News: 90% of Skilled Nursing Pros Say Reimbursement Will Suffer Due to Labor Issues - <a href="https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/06/90-of-skilled-nursing-pros-say-reimbursement-will-suffer-due-to-labor-issues/">https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/06/90-of-skilled-nursing-pros-say-reimbursement-will-suffer-due-to-labor-issues/</a>
- Health Leaders: Top Clinical Leaders Share Solutions For Workforce Shortages https://www.healthleadersmedia.com/clinical-care/top-clinical-leaders-sharesolutions-workforce-shortages
- Medcity News: Nomad Health raises \$105M to support push into new staffing markets - <a href="https://medcitynews.com/2022/06/nomad-health-raises-105m-to-support-push-into-new-staffing-markets">https://medcitynews.com/2022/06/nomad-health-raises-105m-to-support-push-into-new-staffing-markets</a>
- STIs
- No new items
- Colon cancer-related items
  - Medpage Today: Dynamic Treatments for Colon Cancer Patients on the Horizon https://www.medpagetoday.com/reading-room/asco/colorectal-cancer/99494
- Organ donation and transplantation items
  - Still looking for House Oversight report
  - <u>EHR Intelligence:</u> How Healthcare Interoperability Supports Organ Donations,
     Transplants <u>https://ehrintelligence.com/news/how-healthcare-interoperability-supports-organ-donations-transplants</u>
- Vison/dental care in Medicare-related items
  - Healthcare Dive: House hearing ups ante on Medicare Advantage reform https://www.healthcaredive.com/news/house-hearing-medicare-advantage-reform/626222/
  - <u>Kaiser Health News:</u> Government Watchdogs Attack Medicare Advantage for Denying Care and Overcharging - <a href="https://khn.org/news/article/medicare-advantage-congress-hearing-care-overcharging/">https://khn.org/news/article/medicare-advantage-congress-hearing-care-overcharging/</a>
- Physical rehabilitation
  - o No new items
- Hospital and physician payment-related items

- <u>RevCycleIntelligence</u>: HHS Unveils New Alternative Payment Model for Cancer Care - <u>https://revcycleintelligence.com/news/hhs-unveils-new-alternative-payment-model-for-cancer-care</u>
- Medpage Today: CMS Announces Successor to Oncology Care Model https://www.medpagetoday.com/practicemanagement/reimbursement/99485
- Nursing home quality initiative
  - o No new items