

## HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: JUNE 3, 2022

### Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate meets in a pro-forma session.
- The House meets in a pro forma session.

### Health policy update:

- BBB drug pricing and drug price negotiation items
  - Forbes: Possible Resurrection Of Build Back Better From The Dead: Drug Price Measures Could Be Key Component - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/joshuacohen/2022/06/02/possible-resurrection-of-build-back-better-from-the-dead-drug-price-measures-could-be-key-component/?sh=93ba4b62e1ab>
  - The Hill: Senators make last-ditch bid for Manchin's backing - <https://thehill.com/news/senate/3510206-lawmakers-make-last-ditch-bid-for-manchins-vote-as-time-ticks-before-election/>
  - RevCycleIntelligence: Are PBMs Unjustly Profiting from 340B Drug Pricing Program? - <https://revcycleintelligence.com/news/are-pbms-unjustly-profiting-from-340b-drug-pricing-program>
  - Business Wire: New Analysis Finds Accelerated Approval Drugs Do Not Drive Medicaid Spending - <https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20220603005266/en/New-Analysis-Finds-Accelerated-Approval-Drugs-Do-Not-Drive-Medicaid-Spending>
- Nurse staffing
  - Office of Ron DeSantis: Governor Ron DeSantis Signs the Freedom First Budget Providing Historic Investments to Support Our Communities, Promote Education, and Protect the Environment - <https://www.flgov.com/2022/06/02/governor-ron-desantis-signs-the-freedom-first-budget-providing-historic-investments-to-support-our-communities-promote-education-and-protect-the-environment/>
  - Forbes: Staffing shortages to cost U.S. care facilities \$19.5 billion this year, study finds - <https://fortune.com/2022/06/02/staffing-shortages-to-cost-us-care-facilities-19-5-billion-this-year-study-finds/>
  - Atlanta Journal-Constitution: Gender pay gap for RNs increases during pandemic, with men making even more - <https://www.ajc.com/pulse/gender-pay-gap-for->

[rns-increases-during-pandemic-with-men-making-even-more/LP6GHQ3AT5HTFNA6G6KBU7CZNY/](https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/workforce/staff-shortages-throw-a-wrench-in-hospitals-compliance-standards.html)

- Becker's Hospital Review: Staff shortages throw a wrench in hospitals' compliance standards - <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/workforce/staff-shortages-throw-a-wrench-in-hospitals-compliance-standards.html>
- Becker's Hospital Review: 7 schools launching nursing programs - <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/nursing/7-schools-launching-nursing-programs.html>
- MedCity News: Healthcare workforces need sustainable systems - <https://medcitynews.com/2022/06/healthcare-workforces-need-sustainable-systems/>
- Home Health Care News: The Case for Contract Labor in Home-Based Care - <https://homehealthcarenews.com/2022/06/the-case-for-contract-labor-in-home-based-care/>
- Nurse.org: Vanderbilt is Now Training Truck Drivers and EVS Workers To Be Medical Assistants - <https://nurse.org/articles/vanderbilt-training-truck-drivers-evs/>
- STIs
  - No new items
- Colon cancer-related items
  - No new items
- Organ donation and transplantation items
  - Still looking for House Oversight report
  - WROC-TV (Rochester, NY CBS Affiliate): State bill reimburses organ donations from living donors - <https://www.rochesterfirst.com/news/state-bill-reimburses-organ-donations-from-living-donors/>
  - Business Wire: Kidney Transplant Collaborative Applauds NASEM Report On Organ Transplantation - <https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20220602005716/en/Kidney-Transplant-Collaborative-Applaud-NASEM-Report-On-Organ-Transplantation>

- Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items
  - No new items
- Physical rehabilitation
  - No new items
- Hospital and physician payment-related items
  - American Medical Association: 10 principles to fix Medicare's unsustainable physician pay system - <https://www.ama-assn.org/practice-management/medicare-medicare/10-principles-fix-medicare-s-unsustainable-physician-pay>
  - Healthcare Innovation: Are ACOs and Home Services the Path to Health Equity? - <https://www.hcinnovationgroup.com/policy-value-based-care/blog/21269828/are-acos-and-home-services-the-path-to-health-equity>
  - Skilled Nursing News: Medicare SNF Spending Jumps 4.4% Despite Lowest Number of Beneficiaries in a Decade - <https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/06/medicare-snf-spending-jumps-4-4-despite-lowest-number-of-beneficiaries-in-a-decade/>
- Nursing home quality initiative
  - No new items