

HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: JUNE 30, 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 forge ahead on drug pricing, eyeing wider deal with Manchin - <https://www.washingtonpost.com/us-policy/2022/06/29/schumer-manchin-drug-pricing/>
 - Stat News: PBMs are inflating the cost of generic drugs. They must be reined in - <https://www.statnews.com/2022/06/30/pbms-inflating-cost-generic-drugs/>
 - Fierce Pharma: With Congress weighing insulin cost cap, Sanofi slashes price for uninsured in US - <https://www.fiercepharma.com/pharma/us-close-capping-insulin-costs-some-sanofi-slashes-price-uninsured-us>
 - Pink Sheet: Medicare Part D Coverage For Obesity Drugs Urged By House Appropriations Panel - <https://pink.pharmaintelligence.informa.com/PS146415/Medicare-Part-D-Coverage-For-Obesity-Drugs-Urged-By-House-Appropriations-Panel>
- Nurse staffing
 - Becker's Hospital Review: Nearly half of RCM departments facing severe labor shortages, report says - <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/finance/nearly-half-of-rcm-departments-facing-severe-labor-shortages-report-says.html>
 - Medical Xpress: Staffing shortages have US nursing homes in crisis - <https://medicalxpress.com/news/2022-06-staffing-shortages-nursing-homes-crisis.html>
- STIs
 - No new items
- Colon cancer-related items
 - No new items

- Organ donation and transplantation items
 - Still looking for House Oversight report
 - Healio: The National Early Warning Score performs well among patients with kidney failure - <https://www.healio.com/news/nephrology/20220629/the-national-early-warning-score-performs-well-among-patients-with-kidney-failure>

- Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items
 - Becker's Hospital Review: 14 states launched improvements to dental Medicaid coverage this year: 4 notes - <https://www.beckersdental.com/dentists/38811-14-states-launched-improvements-to-dental-medicaid-coverage-this-year-4-notes.html>

- Physical rehabilitation
 - No new items

- Hospital and physician payment-related items
 - The Hill: Democratic governors urge Congress to avert 'disastrous' ObamaCare premium hike - <https://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/3541259-democratic-governors-urge-congress-to-avert-disastrous-obamacare-premium-hike/>
 - Stat News: Hospitals have to post their prices. Now, health insurers and employers have to publish what they pay - <https://www.statnews.com/2022/06/30/hospitals-have-to-post-their-prices-now-health-insurers-and-employers-have-to-publish-what-they-pay/>
 - Medpage Today: What Will Ensure Rural Hospitals' Survival? More \$\$ and Good Broadband, Experts Say - <https://www.medpagetoday.com/practicemanagement/reimbursement/99515>
 - RevCycleIntelligence: Hospital Price Transparency Higher in Less Competitive Markets - <https://revcycleintelligence.com/news/hospital-price-transparency-higher-in-less-competitive-markets>
 - Becker's Hospital Review: Physicians give up Medicare revenue by rarely using these billing codes - <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/finance/physicians-give-up-medicare-revenue-by-rarely-using-these-billing-codes.html>
 - Health Affairs: We Have A National Strategy For Accountable Care, So What's Next? - <https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/forefront.20220623.466165>

- Medical Economics (Opinion): Fixing the primary care system after the COVID-19 pandemic - <https://www.medicaleconomics.com/view/fixing-the-primary-care-system-after-the-covid-19-pandemic>
- Nursing home quality initiative
 - Skilled Nursing News: CMS Updates Nursing Home Medicare Requirements of Participation Guidance, Furthers Biden Reform Agenda - <https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/06/cms-updates-nursing-home-medicare-requirements-of-participation-guidance-furthers-biden-reform-agenda/>
 - Skilled Nursing News: Nursing Home, Other Payment Cuts Could Devastate Fragile Care Continuum, LeadingAge Warns HHS - <https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/06/nursing-home-other-payment-cuts-could-devastate-fragile-care-continuum-leadingage-warns-hhs/>
 - Modern Healthcare: CMS updates nursing home staffing compliance guidelines - <https://www.modernhealthcare.com/post-acute-care/cms-updates-nursing-home-staffing-compliance-guidelines>