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
  - [Stat News](https://www.statnews.com/2022/06/30/pbms-inflating-cost-generic-drugs/): PBMs are inflating the cost of generic drugs. They must be reined in.
  - [Fierce Pharma](https://www.fiercepharma.com/pharma/us-close-capping-insulin-costs-some-sanofi-slashes-price-uninsured-us): With Congress weighing insulin cost cap, Sanofi slashes price for uninsured in US.

- Nurse staffing

- STIs
  - No new items

- Colon cancer-related items
  - No new items
- **Organ donation and transplantation items**
  - Still looking for House Oversight report

- **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](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**
  - 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/](https://www.statnews.com/2022/06/30/hospitals-have-to-post-their-prices-now-health-insurers-and-employers-have-to-publish-what-they-pay/)
  - 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](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/do/10.1377/forefront.20220623.466165](https://www.healthaffairs.org/do/10.1377/forefront.20220623.466165)
• Nursing home quality initiative


  o **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/](https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/06/cms-updates-nursing-home-medicare-requirements-of-participation-guidance-furthers-biden-reform-agenda/)
