HEALTH CARE POLICY UPDATE: JUNE 8, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate convened at 10 a.m. Following leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Schumer, D-N.Y., motion to proceed to the veterans' toxic exposure benefits bill (HR 3967). The Senate is expected to agree to the motion to proceed to HR 3967 by voice vote, and Sen. Tester, D-Mont., will offer the Senate substitute amendment no. 5051 to the bill. The Senate will then proceed to executive session. At 11:30 a.m., the Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Lisa M. Gomez to be an assistant secretary of Labor and on confirmation of the nomination of Nina Morrison to be a U.S. district judge for the Eastern District of New York. Additional votes are expected.
  - Nominations:
    - Lisa M. Gomez to be an assistant secretary of Labor.
    - Nina Morrison to be a U.S. district judge for the Eastern District of New York.
  - Bills:
    - HR 3967 — Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (Honoring our PACT) Act

- The House reconvenes at noon for legislative business. The chamber is expected to consider a bill (HR 7910) that would take numerous actions to restrict access to firearms, and take final votes on nine measure previously debated under suspension of the rules (HR 7352, HR 7334, HR 5879, HR 7622, HR 7664, HR 7670, HR 7694, HR 7776 AND HR 7667).
  - Bills:
    - HR 7910 — Protecting Our Kids Act
    - HR 7352 — PPP and Bank Fraud Enforcement Harmonization Act
    - HR 7334 — COVID-19 EIDL Fraud Statute of Limitations Act
    - HR 5879 — Hubzone Price Evaluation Preference Clarification Act
    - HR 7622 — Small Business Workforce Pipeline Act
    - HR 7664 — Supporting Small Business and Career and Technical Education Act
    - HR 7670 — Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Program Transparency Act
    - HR 7694 — Strengthening Subcontracting for Small Businesses Act
    - HR 7776 — Water Resources Development Act
    - HR 7667 — Food and Drug Amendments
Health policy update:

- BBB drug pricing and drug price negotiation items
  - CNBC: Moderate Democrats push their party to do more to fight inflation - [https://www.cnbc.com/2022/06/08/moderate-democrats-push-their-party-to-do-more-to-fight-inflation.html](https://www.cnbc.com/2022/06/08/moderate-democrats-push-their-party-to-do-more-to-fight-inflation.html)

- Nurse staffing
  - Advisory Board: Nurses keep quitting. What can you do about it? [https://www.advisory.com/daily-briefing/2022/06/07/nurse-tenure](https://www.advisory.com/daily-briefing/2022/06/07/nurse-tenure)

- Fierce Healthcare: After a year of heavy workforce turnover, more care is provided by less experienced nurses - https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/after-year-heavy-workforce-turnover-more-care-being-provided-less-experienced-nurses


- Becker’s Hospital Review: 3 winning strategies to attract and retain top healthcare talent - https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/hr/3-winning-strategies-to-attract-and-retain-top-healthcare-talent.html


- STIs
  - No new items

- Colon cancer-related items

- Organ donation and transplantation items
  - Still looking for House Oversight report
  - Healio: Transplant society president calls for more collaborative efforts to increase organ supply - https://www.healio.com/news/nephrology/20220607/transplant-society-president-calls-for-more-collaborative-efforts-to-increase-organ-supply
• Vison/dental care in Medicare-related items
  o No new items

• Physical rehabilitation
  o Skilled Nursing News: Staff Investment a ‘Make or Break’ as Therapy Providers Weather Medicare Cuts - https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/06/staff-investment-a-make-or-break-as-therapy-providers-weather-medicare-cuts/

• Hospital and physician payment-related items

Nursing home quality initiative