HEALTH CARE POLICY UPDATE: JUNE 9, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate convened at 10 a.m. Following leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the veterans' toxic exposure benefits bill (HR 3967). Votes in relation to HR 3967 are possible in the morning. At 1:45 p.m., the Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Samuel R. Bagenstos to be general counsel of the Health and Human Services Department.
  - Nominations:
    - Samuel R. Bagenstos to be general counsel of the Health and Human Services Department.
  - Bills:
    - HR 3967 — Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (Honoring our PACT) Act

- The House reconvened at 9 a.m. for legislative business. The chamber is expected to consider a bill (HR 2377) that would allow courts to issue "extreme risk protection orders" that bar particular individuals from possessing firearms and creates a new grant program for states to implement similar legislation.
  - Bills:
    - HR 2377 — Federal Extreme Risk Protection Order Act

Health policy update:

- BBB drug pricing and drug price negotiation items
  - Axios: New drugs come with high price tag, research finds - https://www.axios.com/2022/06/08/new-drugs-high-price-tag


- **Nurse staffing**

- **STIs**
  - No new items
• Colon cancer-related items
  o AAAS: New blood test could spare thousands of colon cancer patients from unnecessary chemotherapy - https://www.eurekalert.org/news-releases/955322

• Organ donation and transplantation items
  o Still looking for House Oversight report

• Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items
  o No new items

• Physical rehabilitation
  o No new items

• Hospital and physician payment-related items
  o Axios: Most hospitals failing price transparency rule - https://www.axios.com/2022/06/08/hospitals-price-transparency-rule
  o Washington Post: Two hospitals are being fined for disobeying price transparency rules - https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/06/09/two-hospitals-are-being-fined-disobeying-price-transparency-rules/
  o Fierce Healthcare: Providers are calling for more time to implement estimate requirement in surprise bill rule - https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/providers-are-calling-more-time-implement-estimate-requirement-surprise-bill-rule

Nursing home quality initiative
