

HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: JULY 1, 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
 - Office of Senator Sherrod Brown (Press Release): Brown, Colleagues Urge Department Of Health And Human Services To Lower Drug Prices Immediately - <https://www.brown.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/brown-colleagues-department-health-human-services-lower-drug-prices>
 - Office of Senator Chuck Grassley (Press Release): Grassley Discusses His Efforts To Lower Prescription Drug Prices At Local Pharmacy On 99 County Tour - <https://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/news-releases/grassley-discusses-his-efforts-to-lower-prescription-drug-prices-at-local-pharmacy-on-99-county-tour>
 - The Hill: Democrats rev up their drug pricing push - <https://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/overnights/3543240-health-care-democrats-rev-up-their-drug-pricing-push/>
 - The Hill (Opinion): Drug manufacturers are root cause of high drug costs; PBMs drive costs down - <https://thehill.com/opinion/healthcare/3542594-drug-manufacturers-are-root-cause-of-high-drug-costs-pbms-drive-costs-down/>
 - Bloomberg: McConnell Threatens China Bill Over Biden Tax, Climate Plan - <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2022-06-30/mcconnell-threatens-china-bill-over-biden-tax-climate-plan>
 - Axios: McConnell threatens to kill China competition bill - <https://www.axios.com/2022/06/30/mcconnell-china-competition-bill>
 - Roll Call: McConnell threatens support for China bill, citing budget talks - <https://rollcall.com/2022/06/30/mcconnell-threatens-support-for-china-bill-citing-budget-talks/>
 - CQ News: Senate drafts last-ditch drug pricing plan ahead of midterms - https://plus.cq.com/doc/news-7517738?1&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_source=cqnews-morning

- Kaiser Health News: How Much Health Insurers Pay for Almost Everything Is About to Go Public - <https://khn.org/news/article/health-insurers-price-transparency-public-rates-costs/>
- RevCycleIntelligence: AHA Calls for Timely Repayment to 340B Hospitals After Unlawful Cuts - <https://revcycleintelligence.com/news/aha-calls-for-timely-repayment-to-340b-hospitals-after-unlawful-cuts>
- Fierce Healthcare: Hospitals may have to wait to recoup 340B payments after Supreme Court ruling, attorneys say - <https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/hospitals-may-have-wait-recoup-340b-payments-after-supreme-court-ruling-attorneys-say>
- Nurse staffing
 - Skilled Nursing News: Nursing Home Infection Preventionist Workloads Rose Sharply During Covid - <https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/06/nursing-home-infection-preventionist-workloads-rose-sharply-during-covid/>
 - Becker's Hospital Review: 13 supply chain leaders on priorities for the rest of 2022 - <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/supply-chain/13-supply-chain-leaders-on-priorities-for-the-rest-of-2022.html>
 - Becker's Hospital Review: How to attract and retain healthcare employees in the current environment: foster a sense of belonging, development and wellness - <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/hr/how-to-attract-and-retain-healthcare-employees-in-the-current-environment-foster-a-sense-of-belonging-development-and-wellness.html>
- STIs
 - No new items
- Colon cancer-related items
 - Technology Networks: Tumor Cell Population Discovered Responsible for Colon Cancer Relapse - <https://www.technologynetworks.com/tn/news/tumor-cell-population-discovered-responsible-for-colon-cancer-relapse-363252>
 - Medical Xpress: Scientists unravel the key to colon cancer relapse after chemotherapy - <https://medicalxpress.com/news/2022-07-scientists-unravel-key-colon-cancer.html>
 - EurekAlert!: Scientists unravel the key to colon cancer relapse after chemotherapy - <https://www.eurekalert.org/news-releases/957582>

- Organ donation and transplantation items
 - Still looking for House Oversight report
 - Wall Street Journal: FDA Planning to Allow Clinical Trials of Pig Organ Transplants - <https://www.wsj.com/articles/fda-said-to-plan-pig-organ-transplant-clinical-trials-11656622411>
- Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items
 - No new items
- Physical rehabilitation
 - No new items
- Hospital and physician payment-related items
 - Axios: Consumers will soon get access to huge amounts of health care price data - <https://www.axios.com/2022/07/01/health-care-price-data-consumer-access>
 - Inside Health Policy: Democratic Sens, Govs Call For Extension Of Enhanced ACA Subsidies - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/democratic-sens-govs-call-extension-enhanced-aca-subsidies>
 - Inside Health Policy: House Appropriators Approve \$124.2B HHS Bill That Hikes Health Spending - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/house-appropriators-approve-1242b-hhs-bill-hikes-health-spending>
- Nursing home quality initiative
 - RevCycleIntelligence: Medicare, Medicaid to Take Closer Look at Nursing Home Staffing - <https://revcycleintelligence.com/news/medicare-medicaid-to-take-closer-look-at-nursing-home-staffing>
 - McKnights Senior Living: It's a month for fireworks, especially for long-term care - <https://www.mcknights.com/daily-editors-notes/its-a-month-for-fireworks-especially-for-long-term-care/>