

## HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: JULY 11, 2022

### Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate convenes at 3 p.m. Following leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Ashish S. Vazirani to be a deputy undersecretary of Defense. At 5:30, the Senate will vote on agreeing to the Schumer, D-N.Y., motion to invoke cloture on the Vazirani nomination.
  - Nominations:
    - Ashish S. Vazirani to be a deputy undersecretary of Defense.
- The House meets in a pro-forma session.

### Health policy update:

- BBB drug pricing and drug price negotiation items
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  - Bloomberg: Drug Pricing Plan Faces Industry Gripes as Senate Reconvenes - <https://news.bloomberglaw.com/pharma-and-life-sciences/drug-pricing-plan-faces-industry-gripes-as-senate-reconvenes>
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  - No new items
- Colon cancer-related items
  - No new items
- Organ donation and transplantation items
  - Still looking for House Oversight report
  - No new items

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