

## HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: JULY 14, 2022

### Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate convened at 10 a.m. Following leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Kate Elizabeth Heinzelman to be general counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency. At 11:45 a.m., the Senate will vote on confirmation of the Heinzelman nomination. At 1:45 p.m., the Senate will vote on agreeing to the Durbin, D-Ill., motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Julianna Michelle Childs to be a U.S. circuit judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.
  - Nominations:
    - Kate Elizabeth Heinzelman to be general counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency.
    - Julianna Michelle Childs to be a U.S. circuit judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.
- The House reconvened at 10 a.m. for legislative business. The chamber is expected to complete consideration of a bill (HR 7900) that would authorize national defense for FY 2023.
  - Bills:
    - HR 7900 — Fiscal 2023 Defense Authorization

### Health policy update:

- BBB drug pricing and drug price negotiation items
  - Washington Post: Democrats race to prevent spike in health premiums amid record inflation - <https://www.washingtonpost.com/us-policy/2022/07/13/manchin-schumer-aca-credits/>
  - AP News: Manchin cites inflation concerns, roiling budget talks anew - <https://apnews.com/article/inflation-joe-manchin-congress-climate-and-environment-0bfd4f4a54b1f4e57a8950980c3e13cd>
  - The Hill: Manchin pumps brakes: Bill ‘needs to be scrubbed much better’- <https://thehill.com/homenews/senate/3557652-manchin-pumps-brakes-bill-needs-to-be-scrubbed-much-better/>

- The Hill: Democrats push reconciliation as tool to fight inflation - <https://thehill.com/policy/finance/3558407-democrats-say-reconciliation-bill-could-help-fight-inflation/>
- Fox News: Reporter's Notebook: Build Back Better budget fight returns, this time amid more inflation - <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/reporters-notebook-build-back-better-budget-fight-returns-amid-more-inflation>
- Fierce Healthcare: Manchin reluctant to add ACA subsidy extension to narrow spending deal - <https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/payers/manchin-reluctant-add-aca-subsidy-extension-narrow-spending-deal>
- Nurse staffing
  - Skilled Nursing News: CMS Outlines Multi-Faceted Approach to Nursing Home Minimum Staffing Requirements - <https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/07/cms-outlines-multi-faceted-approach-to-nursing-home-minimum-staffing-requirements/>
  - Health Leaders: Nursing Shortage At Hospitals Leads To Multimillion-Dollar Costs - <https://www.healthleadersmedia.com/nursing/nursing-shortage-hospitals-leads-multimillion-dollar-costs>
  - MedCity News: Solving the nursing crisis starts with psychological safety - <https://medcitynews.com/2022/07/solving-the-nursing-crisis-starts-with-psychological-safety/>
  - MedCity News: June was a good month for healthcare hiring, but the staffing crisis can only be solved by tech, VBC - <https://medcitynews.com/2022/07/june-was-a-good-month-for-healthcare-hiring-but-the-staffing-crisis-can-only-be-solved-by-tech-vbc/>
- STIs
  - No new items
- Colon cancer-related items
  - The White House: FACT SHEET: President Biden Appoints Cancer Panel Members and Cancer Cabinet Unveils Priority Actions - <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/07/13/fact-sheet-president-biden-appoints-cancer-panel-members-and-cancer-cabinet-unveils-priority-actions/>
- Organ donation and transplantation items

- Still looking for House Oversight report
- No new items
- Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items
  - No new items
- Physical rehabilitation
  - Skilled Nursing News: CMS Proposes Further Cuts to Therapy Providers With ‘No Relief on the Horizon’ - <https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/07/cms-proposes-further-cuts-to-therapy-providers-with-no-relief-on-the-horizon/>
- Hospital and physician payment-related items
  - Axios: Rural hospitals again face financial jeopardy - <https://www.axios.com/2022/07/14/rural-hospitals-face-financial-jeopardy>
  - CQ News: Reconciliation talks so far quiet on Medicaid expansion - [https://plus.cq.com/doc/news-7523114?1&utm\\_medium=newsletter&utm\\_source=cqnews-morning](https://plus.cq.com/doc/news-7523114?1&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_source=cqnews-morning)
  - Kaiser Health News: Rural Hospital Rescue Program Is Met With Skepticism From Administrators - <https://khn.org/news/article/rural-hospital-rescue-program-medicare-skepticism/>
  - Inside Health Policy: Touting Lower Rates, CMS Oks Reinsurance Waiver Extensions For 3 States - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/touting-lower-rates-cms-oks-reinsurance-waiver-extensions-3-states>
  - Stat News (Opinion): Empower primary care with adequate payments and technology - <https://www.statnews.com/2022/07/14/empower-primary-care-with-adequate-payments-and-technology/>
  - Becker’s Hospital Review: What a former CMS chief data analyst thinks of the hospital price transparency rule - <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/finance/what-a-former-cms-chief-data-analyst-thinks-of-the-hospital-price-transparency-rule.html>
- Nursing home quality initiative
  - McKnight’s Senior Living: LTSS reform needed to ensure access to quality care, doctors’ group says - <https://www.mcknightsseniorliving.com/home/news/ltss-reform-needed-to-ensure-access-to-quality-care-doctors-group-says/>

- McKnight's Senior Living: \$40 billion federal COVID-19 relief program includes funds for assisted living workforce development - <https://www.mcknightsseniorliving.com/home/news/40-billion-federal-covid-19-relief-program-includes-funds-for-assisted-living-workforce-development/>
- Medical Economics: U.S. needs better long-term supports for older adults, ACP says - <https://www.medicaleconomics.com/view/u-s-needs-better-long-term-supports-for-older-adults-acp-says>