

HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: JULY 15, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate is not in session.
- The House reconvened at 9 a.m. for legislative business. The chamber is expected to consider a measure under suspension of the rules. It is also expected to consider a bill (HR 8296) that would legalize abortion before fetal viability and a bill (HR 8297) that would prohibit individuals from acting under their state's laws to prevent an abortion in a state where the service is legal.
 - Bills:
 - HR 8296 — Women's Health Protection Act
 - HR 8297 — Ensuring Access to Abortion Act
 - HR 8351 — Formula Act

Health policy update:

- BBB drug pricing and drug price negotiation items
 - New York Times: Manchin Pulls Plug on Climate and Tax Talks, Shrinking Domestic Plan - <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/07/14/us/politics/manchin-climate-taxes.html>
 - Wall Street Journal: Joe Manchin Won't Support Climate, Tax Measures in Economic Package - https://www.wsj.com/articles/joe-manchin-wont-support-bill-that-includes-climate-and-tax-measures-11657848978?mod=hp_lead_pos12
 - Wall Street Journal (Opinion): A Price That Isn't Soaring: Prescription Drugs - <https://www.wsj.com/articles/a-price-that-isnt-soaring-rx-drugs-prescription-inflation-11657837236>
 - Washington Post: Manchin says he won't support new climate spending or tax hikes on wealthy - <https://www.washingtonpost.com/us-policy/2022/07/14/manchin-climate-tax-bbb/>
 - Washington Post: Democrats' economic package may have just turned into a health-care bill - <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/07/15/democrats-economic-package-may-have-just-turned-into-health-care-bill/>

- Bloomberg: Bid for GOP Votes on Insulin Bill Falters - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RF24V7DWLU68>
- Politico: Manchin rejects climate, tax elements of party-line Dem bill - <https://www.politico.com/news/2022/07/14/manchin-rejects-climate-tax-elements-of-party-line-dem-bill-00046018>
- The Hill: Manchin rejects adding climate spending, tax hikes on wealthy, striking blow to Biden agenda - <https://thehill.com/homenews/senate/3560779-manchin-rejects-adding-climate-and-tax-reforms-to-budget-bill-striking-blow-to-biden-agenda/>
- The Hill: Manchin will not support climate spending in reconciliation package - <https://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/3560404-manchin-will-not-support-climate-spending-in-reconciliation-package-reports/>
- The Hill (Opinion): Build Back Better is better off dead - <https://thehill.com/opinion/white-house/3559227-build-back-better-is-better-off-dead/>
- Axios: Manchin won't raise taxes but wants prescription drug reform - <https://www.axios.com/2022/07/15/manchin-schumer-reconciliation-taxes-climate-prescription-drugs>
- Roll Call: Manchin upends effort for a downsized 'Build Back Better' - <https://rollcall.com/2022/07/14/manchin-upends-effort-for-a-downsized-build-back-better/>
- Roll Call: Reconciliation talks so far quiet on Medicaid expansion - <https://rollcall.com/2022/07/14/push-for-medicaid-home-health-resumes-in-reconciliation-talks/>
- Inside Health Policy: Manchin to Schumer: Two Years of Enhanced ACA Credits & Drug Pricing – Nothing Else - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/manchin-schumer-two-years-enhanced-aca-credits-drug-pricing-nothing-else>
- Inside Health Policy: CRFP Tried To Deflect Manchin's Criticism Of Plan To Fix Medicare Solvency - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/crfb-tried-deflect-manchin%E2%80%99s-criticism-plan-fix-medicare-solvency>
- Inside Health Policy: Advocates Make Last-Ditch Pitch For Medicaid, CHIP Policies In Reconciliation - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/advocates-make-last-ditch-pitch-medicaid-chip-policies-reconciliation>

- Nurse staffing

- New York Times: As U.S. Covid hospitalizations climb, a chronic nursing shortage is worsening - <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/07/15/us/hospital-nursing-shortage.html>
- Bloomberg: Nursing Homes Seek Latitude on Staff Mandate, Funds to Meet It - <https://news.bloomberglaw.com/daily-labor-report/nursing-homes-seek-latitude-on-staff-mandate-funds-to-meet-it>
- Skilled Nursing News: Non-Clinical Staffing Shortages Create Pipeline Issues for Critical Nursing Home Positions - <https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/07/non-clinical-staffing-shortages-create-pipeline-issues-for-critical-nursing-home-positions/>
- STIs
 - No new items
- Colon cancer-related items
 - EurekaAlert!: Study suggests that c. difficile drives some colorectal cancers - <https://www.eurekaalert.org/news-releases/958680>
- Organ donation and transplantation items
 - Still looking for House Oversight report
 - Science Daily: Bacteria in donor organs complicate immune response after transplantation - <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2022/07/220714145149.htm>
- Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items
 - New York Times: Here's How Democrats' Big Domestic Agenda Bill Has Shrunk - <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/07/14/us/politics/democrats-budget-domestic-agenda.html>
- Physical rehabilitation
 - No new items
- Hospital and physician payment-related items
 - Managed Healthcare Executive: The Oncology Care Model and Its Successor - <https://www.managedhealthcareexecutive.com/view/the-oncology-care-model-and-its-successor>

- Nursing home quality initiative
 - Skilled Nursing News: Health System, Hospital Acquisitions Show Nursing Homes Still a 'Critical Ally' - <https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/07/health-system-hospital-acquisitions-show-nursing-homes-still-a-critical-ally/>
 - Health Leaders: Black Nursing Home Residents, Those Under 65 More Likely To Have Repeat Transfers To Hospital - <https://www.healthleadersmedia.com/post-acute/black-nursing-home-residents-those-under-65-more-likely-have-repeat-transfers-hospital>
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