

HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: JULY 18, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate convenes at 3 p.m. Following leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Nina Nin-Yuen Wang to be a U.S. district judge for the District of Colorado. At 5:30 p.m., the Senate will vote on agreeing to the Durbin, D-Ill., motion to invoke cloture on the Wang nomination.
 - Nominations:
 - Nina Nin-Yuen Wang to be a U.S. district judge for the District of Colorado.
- The House reconvenes at 2 p.m. for legislative business and is expected to consider measures under suspension of the rules. Roll call votes will be postponed until 6:30 p.m.
 - Bills:
 - S 144 — Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center Access Improvement Act
 - HR 1286 — Southern Campaign of the Revolution National Heritage Corridor Act
 - HR 2024 — Southern Maryland National Heritage Area Act
 - HR 3222 — Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area Act
 - HR 4404 — Kissimmee River Wild and Scenic River Act
 - HR 6337 — Biking on Long-Distance Trails Act
 - HR 7002 — A bill to authorize the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri, to be illuminated by blue and yellow lights in support of Ukraine.
 - HR 7025 — Advancing Human Rights-Centered International Conservation Act
 - HR 7693 — National Park Foundation Reauthorization Act
 - H Res 1130 — A resolution expressing support for the sovereign decision of Finland and Sweden to apply to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) as well as calling on all members of NATO to ratify the protocols of accession swiftly.

Health policy update:

- BBB drug pricing and drug price negotiation items
 - [The White House](https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-): ICYMI: Jared Bernstein of the Council of Economic Advisers Presses for Lowering the Costs of Prescription Drugs for American People - <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements->

[releases/2022/07/17/icymi-jared-bernstein-of-the-council-of-economic-advisers-presses-for-lowering-the-costs-of-prescription-drugs-for-american-people/](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/07/17/icymi-jared-bernstein-of-the-council-of-economic-advisers-presses-for-lowering-the-costs-of-prescription-drugs-for-american-people/)

- Wall Street Journal (Opinion): Why Canada Should Pay More for Medications - <https://www.wsj.com/articles/canada-should-pay-more-for-medications-price-controls-oecd-innovation-prescription-drugs-revenue-prices-pharmaceuticals-11658084406>
- Wall Street Journal (Opinion): Cut out PBMs, the Middlemen of Healthcare - <https://www.wsj.com/articles/pbm-health-care-costs-prices-drugs-middle-men-11658080276>
- Washington Post: The constantly shrinking Democratic Agenda - <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/07/18/constantly-shrinking-democratic-agenda/>
- Washington Post (Opinion): Presto! Manchin's party of one makes the Democrats' program disappear - <https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2022/07/16/joe-manchin-makes-democratic-program-disappear/>
- Bloomberg: Biden Pushes for Separate Drug-Price Bill - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RF7OKCT1UMOW>
- Axios: Manchin makes Dems ponder if they can live with a skinny health bill - <https://www.axios.com/2022/07/18/manchin-democrats-health-bill-midterm-elections>
- Nurse staffing
 - Skilled Nursing News: Competition for Frontline Workers Heats Up Between Nursing Homes - https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/07/competition-for-frontline-workers-heats-up-between-nursing-homes/?euid=e0557ca2d3&utm_source=snn-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=c697f9b1d7&mc_cid=c697f9b1d7&mc_eid=e0557ca2d3
 - MedPage Today (Opinion): Three Key Strategies for Combatting Nurse Turnover - <https://www.medpagetoday.com/opinion/second-opinions/99749>
 - McKnight's Senior Living (Opinion): To address the staffing crisis in LTC, start with scheduling - <https://www.mcknights.com/marketplace/marketplace-experts/to-address-the-staffing-crisis-in-ltc-start-with-scheduling/>
- STIs

- No new items
- Colon cancer-related items
 - No new items
- Organ donation and transplantation items
 - Still looking for House Oversight report
 - Bloomberg: Brain Startup Completes First Device Implant for US Patient - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RF7TC6T0AFBG>
- Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items
 - No new items
- Physical rehabilitation
 - No new items
- Hospital and physician payment-related items
 - Inside Health Policy: CMS Asks What Merger Data To Share, Proposes 2.7% Pay Bump For HOPPS - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/cms-asks-what-merger-data-share-proposes-27-pay-bump-hopps>
 - MedPage Today: Medicare's Proposed Physician Fee Schedule a Mixed Bag, Doc Groups Say - <https://www.medpagetoday.com/publichealthpolicy/medicare/99760>
 - Modern Healthcare: Hospital outpatient providers could see \$6.2B pay bump in 2023 - https://www.modernhealthcare.com/policy/hospital-outpatient-providers-could-see-62b-pay-bump-2023?utm_source=modern-healthcare-am&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20220717&utm_content=article3-headline
- Nursing home quality initiative
 - McKnights Senior Living: Nursing home 'avoidable transfer scale' prevents unnecessary transitions in pilot study - <https://www.mcknights.com/news/clinical-news/nursing-home-avoidable-transfer-scale-prevents-unnecessary-transitions-in-pilot-study/>