

HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: JULY 19, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate convenes at 10 a.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 11:30, the Senate will vote on confirmation of the Wang nomination and on agreeing to the Durbin, D-Ill., motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Nancy L. Maldonado to be a U.S. district judge for the Northern District of Illinois. The Senate will then recess until 2:15 p.m. for weekly caucus lunches. At 2:15 p.m., if cloture is invoked, the Senate will vote on confirmation of the Maldonado nomination. Additional votes are expected on confirmation of the nomination of Julianna Michelle Childs to be a U.S. circuit judge for the District of Columbia Circuit and on consideration of a semiconductor incentives bill.
 - Nominations:
 - Nina Nin-Yuen Wang to be a U.S. district judge for the District of Colorado.
 - Nancy L. Maldonado to be a U.S. district judge for the Northern District of Illinois
 - Julianna Michelle Childs to be a U.S. circuit judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

- The House reconvenes at 10 a.m. for legislative business. The chamber is expected to begin consideration of a bill (HR 8294) that would provide appropriations for six bills for FY 2023. The House is also expected to consider a bill (HR 8404) that would prohibit denying rights to married individuals on the basis of the sex, race, ethnicity or national origin of the individuals. Finally, the chamber may take final votes on nine measures previously debated under suspension of the rules.
 - Bills:
 - HR 8294 — Fiscal 2023 Six-Bill Appropriations Package
 - HR 8404 — Respect for Marriage Act
 - 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 — Gateway Solidarity Act

- HR 7025 — Advancing Human Rights-Centered International Conservation Act
- HR 7693 — National Park Foundation Reauthorization Act

Health policy update:

- BBB drug pricing and drug price negotiation items
 - Office of Congresswoman Abigail Spanberger: Spanberger Leads Bipartisan 181-Effort Pressing Administration to Prevent Damaging Prescription Drug Price Hikes, Preserve Discounts for Virginia’s Hospitals & Rural Healthcare Providers - <https://spanberger.house.gov/posts/spanberger-leads-bipartisan-181-member-effort-pressing-administration-to-prevent-damaging-prescription-drug-price-hikes-preserve-discounts-for-virginias-hospitals-rural-healthcare-provider>
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 - Bloomberg: Health Care Briefing: Parliamentarian Reviewing Drug Pricing, ACA Language - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RF9JG3DWX2PZ>
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 - The Hill: Democrats have no appetite to punish Joe Manchin - <https://thehill.com/homenews/senate/3564936-democrats-have-no-appetite-to-punish-joe-manchin/>
 - The Hill (Opinion): Inflation report makes Congress’s economic plan even more necessary - <https://thehill.com/opinion/finance/3564000-inflation-report-makes-congresss-economic-plan-even-more-necessary/>
 - Newsweek: Healthcare Policy Expert: FTC Could Put Insurers’ Drug Middlemen On A Diet - <https://www.newsweek.com/healthcare-policy-expert-ftc-could-put-insurers-drug-middlemen-diet-1725109>
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- Inside Health Policy: Bipartisan Group of 181 Lawmakers Sides With Hospitals In 340B Dispute - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/bipartisan-group-181-lawmakers-sides-hospitals-340b-dispute>
- Nurse staffing
 - Skilled Nursing News: Mission Health CFO: Skilled Nursing Providers are Balancing on a Financial Tightrope - https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/07/mission-health-cfo-skilled-nursing-providers-are-balancing-on-a-financial-tightrope/?euid=e0557ca2d3&utm_source=snn-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=6d6edefd16&mc_cid=6d6edefd16&mc_eid=e0557ca2d3
- STIs
 - No new items
- Colon cancer-related items
 - Cancer Network: Two Novel Genes May Open New Precision Treatment Possibilities in Metastatic Colorectal Cancer - <https://www.cancernetwork.com/view/two-novel-genes-may-open-new-precision-treatment-possibilities-in-metastatic-colorectal-cancer>
- Organ donation and transplantation items
 - Still looking for House Oversight report
 - EurekAlert!: Anti-rejection medication and immunotherapy kicks cancer and protects kidney transplants - <https://www.eurekalert.org/news-releases/959065>
- Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items
 - No new items
- Physical rehabilitation
 - No new items
- Hospital and physician payment-related items

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