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
  - The Hill: Democrats have no appetite to punish Joe Manchin - [https://thehill.com/homenews/senate/3564936-democrats-have-no-appetite-to-punish-joe-manchin/](https://thehill.com/homenews/senate/3564936-democrats-have-no-appetite-to-punish-joe-manchin/)
  - Stat News: Dozens of lawmakers urge HHS to fine drugmakers for curtailing discounts to a federal program -

- Nurse staffing

- STIs
  - No new items

- Colon cancer-related items

- Organ donation and transplantation items
  - Still looking for House Oversight report

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

- Physical rehabilitation
  - No new items

- Hospital and physician payment-related items
• Inside Health Policy: HHS Seeks Advice On Ways To Improve Primary Care - https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/hhs-seeks-advice-ways-improve-primary-care


• Healthcare Dive: Regulators propose outpatient pay increase, but hospitals say it’s not enough - https://www.healthcaredive.com/news/outpatient-medicare-payments/627460/


• Nursing home quality initiative

• Forbes: Congress’ Epic Fail In Caring For Frail Older Adults - https://www.forbes.com/sites/howardgleckman/2022/07/18/congress-epic-fail-in-caring-for-frail-older-adults/?sh=509bfadd526a