HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: JULY 21, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate convened at 10 a.m. Following leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the semiconductor incentives and science innovation package (legislative vehicle HR 4346). At 11:30 a.m., the Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Reuben E. Brigety II to be U.S. ambassador to South Africa. Additional roll call votes are expected.
  
  o Nominations:
    
    ▪ Reuben E. Brigety II to be U.S. ambassador to South Africa.
  
  o Bills:
    
    ▪ HR 4346 — Legislative vehicle for a semiconductor incentives package

- The House reconvened at 9 a.m. for legislative business. The chamber is expected to consider a bill (HR 8373) that would affirm the statutory right to obtain or provide contraceptives.
  
  o Bills:
    
    ▪ HR 8373 — A bill to protect a person's ability to access contraceptives and to engage in contraception, and to protect a health care provider's ability to provide contraceptives, contraception, and information related to contraception.

Health policy update:

- BBB drug pricing and drug price negotiation items
  
  
  
• **Roll Call**: How ‘Build Back Better’ started, and how it’s going: a timeline - [https://rollcall.com/2022/07/21/how-build-back-better-started-and-how-its-going-a-timeline/](https://rollcall.com/2022/07/21/how-build-back-better-started-and-how-its-going-a-timeline/)

• **Newsweek (Opinion)**: ‘Skinny’ Build Back Better is Still a Bad Idea - [https://www.newsweek.com/skinny-build-back-better-still-bad-idea-opinion-1726114](https://www.newsweek.com/skinny-build-back-better-still-bad-idea-opinion-1726114)


• **Nurse staffing**


  • **Inside Health Policy**: AHCA Puts Possible Staffing Mandate at $10B, Advocates Say That Shows Understaffing - [https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/ahca-puts-possible-staff-mandate-10b-advocates-say-shows-understaffing](https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/ahca-puts-possible-staff-mandate-10b-advocates-say-shows-understaffing)


  • **MedCity News**: There’s a spotlight on nurses’ poor mental health, but little action is actually being taken - [https://medcitynews.com/2022/07/theres-a-spotlight-on-nurses-poor-mental-health-but-little-action-is-actually-being-taken/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&hsmi=220355170&hsenc=p2ANqtz-9dwDwAblmjF6iNdS0cNrrAWGOjIy4vChn0FUZgnHQ-wF3Lts6EPRYr_uF-cvVPsfs1AU5VHoTwqYGRrQGkZAJGo82yhw&utm_content=220355170&utm_source=hs_email](https://medcitynews.com/2022/07/theres-a-spotlight-on-nurses-poor-mental-health-but-little-action-is-actually-being-taken/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&hsmi=220355170&hsenc=p2ANqtz-9dwDwAblmjF6iNdS0cNrrAWGOjIy4vChn0FUZgnHQ-wF3Lts6EPRYr_uF-cvVPsfs1AU5VHoTwqYGRrQGkZAJGo82yhw&utm_content=220355170&utm_source=hs_email)

• **STIs**

  • **No new items**
• Colon cancer-related items

• Organ donation and transplantation items
  o Still looking for House Oversight report
    o No new items

• Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items
  o No new items

• Physical rehabilitation
  o No new items

• Hospital and physician payment-related items

• Nursing home quality initiative
  o Skilled Nursing News: CMS Makes Significant Updates to ACOs But Still Leaves Nursing Homes Largely Out of Conversation -