

HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: JULY 26, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate convenes at 10 a.m. Following leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Schumer, D-N.Y., motion to invoke cloture on the Schumer motion to concur in the House amendment to the veterans' toxic exposure benefits bill (S 3373). At 11 a.m., the Senate will vote on the Schumer motion to invoke cloture on the Schumer motion to concur with respect to the semiconductor incentives and science research and development package (HR 4346) with the Schumer substitute amendment no. 5135. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m. for weekly caucus lunches. Additional votes are likely.
 - Bills:
 - S 3373 — Honoring our PACT Act
 - HR 4346 — Legislative vehicle for a semiconductor incentives passage

- 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:
 - HR 6552 — Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act
 - HR 6845 — Commercial Remote Sensing Amendment Act
 - HR 7569 — Energy Cybersecurity University Leadership Act
 - HR 6933 — Cost-Share Accountability Act
 - HR 7289 — Federal PFAS Research Evaluation Act
 - HR 3952 — NOAA Chief Scientist Act
 - HR 7361 — National Weather Service Communications Improvement Act
 - HR 3588 — Mathematical and Statistical Modeling Education Act
 - HR 7180 — Brycen Gray and Ben Price COVID-19 Cognitive Research Act
 - HR 7132 — Safe Connections Act
 - HR 7624 — Spectrum Innovation Act
 - HR 4990 — Institute for Telecommunication Sciences (ITS) Codification Act
 - HR 5313 — Reese's Law
 - HR 4551 — Reporting Attacks from Nations Selected for Oversight and Monitoring Web Attacks and Ransomware from Enemies (RANSOMWARE) Act
 - HR 3962 — Securing and Enabling Commerce Using Remote and Electronic Notarization Act
 - HR 8454 — Medical Marijuana and Cannabidiol Research Expansion Act

- HR 623 — Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act 2.0
- HR 7734 — Timely Delivery of Bank Secrecy Act Reports Act
- HR 1057 — National World War II Memorial Commemorative Coin Act
- HR 31 — Health Coverage Choice Act
- HR 5128 — Expanding Access to Capital for Rural Job Creators Act
- HR 7981 — Public and Federally Assisted Housing Fire Safety Act
- HR 7733 — CDFI Bond Guarantee Program Improvement Act
- HR 4586 — Risk-Based Credit Examination Act
- HR 6528 — Housing Temperature Safety Act
- HR 4590 — Promoting New and Diverse Depository Institutions Act
- HR 4227 — Developing and Empowering our Aspiring Leaders Act

Health policy update:

- BBB drug pricing and drug price negotiation items
 - Washington Post: Biden poised for big wins in Congress - <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/07/25/biden-big-wins-congress/>
 - Bloomberg: Health Care Briefing: Manchin’s Covid May Affect Drug, ACA Vote - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RFMHTIDWRGG1>
 - The Hill: Senate Democrats running out of time to move agenda - <https://thehill.com/homenews/senate/3573908-senate-democrats-running-out-of-time-to-move-agenda/>
 - The Hill (Opinion): Congress should seize opportunity to cut medication costs for consumers - <https://thehill.com/opinion/healthcare/3573331-congress-should-seize-opportunity-to-cut-medication-costs-for-consumers/>
 - Politico: Time is not on Democrats’ side - <https://www.politico.com/news/2022/07/25/democrats-chuck-schumer-legislation-00047815>
 - Stat News: ‘What can we do?’: Pharma lobbyists face their biggest test in a decade, as Democrats barrel toward a vote on drug pricing - <https://www.statnews.com/2022/07/26/pharma-lobbyists-ultimate-test-drug-prices/>
- Nurse staffing
 - Skilled Nursing News: Wisconsin’s \$6M CNA Training Investment Could Serve as Model For Other States - <https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/07/wisconsins-6m-cna-training-investment-could-serve-as-model-for-other->

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- McKnights Senior Living: More flexibility key to nursing homes staying competitive for RNs - <https://www.mcknights.com/news/more-flexibility-key-to-nursing-homes-staying-competitive-for-rns/>
- Healthcare Dive: Ochsner piloting program to hire Ukrainian nurses - <https://www.healthcaredive.com/news/ochsner-health-ukraine-nurses-pilot-program/628025/>
- STIs
 - No new items
- Colon cancer-related items
 - No new items
- Organ donation and transplantation items
 - Still looking for House Oversight report
 - Hepmag: UChicago Medicine Has a Promising New Organ Transplant Storage System - <https://www.hepmag.com/article/uchicago-medicine-promising-new-organ-transplant-storage-system>
- Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items
 - No new items
- Physical rehabilitation
 - No new items
- Hospital and physician payment-related items
 - Bloomberg: Medicare Doctors' Pay Proposal Could Jump-Start Coordinated Care - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RFMGWVT0G1KW>
 - The Hill (Opinion): Congress must close Medicare gaps in access to non-drug pain management - <https://thehill.com/opinion/congress-blog/3572406-congress-must-close-medicare-gaps-in-access-to-non-drug-pain-management/>

- Inside Health Policy: Appeals Court Upholds Medicare’s Prohibition Of Copay Coupons - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/appeals-court-upholds-medicare%E2%80%99s-prohibition-copay-coupons>
- Inside Health Policy: House Prepares To Extend Telehealth Waivers 2 Years, ATA Seeks Bill Tweaks - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/house-prepares-extend-telehealth-waivers-2-years-ata-seeks-bill-tweaks>
- MedCity News: Being generally more affordable than Medicare, Medicare Advantage enrollment to see rapid growth - <https://medcitynews.com/2022/07/being-generally-more-affordable-than-medicare-medicare-advantage-enrollment-to-see-rapid-growth/>
- Becker’s Hospital Review: Congressional Budget Office: Here’s what would happen if ACA tax credits are extended, family glitch fixed - <https://www.beckerspayer.com/payer/congressional-budget-office-here-s-what-would-happen-if-aca-tax-credits-are-extended-family-glitch-fixed.html>
- Nursing home quality initiative
 - Health Affairs: To Reach Older Adults With Opioid Use Disorder, Expand Access To Methadone In Skilled Nursing Facilities - <https://www.healthaffairs.org/content/forefront/reach-growing-population-older-adults-opioid-use-disorder-expand-access-methadone>
 - Skilled Nursing News: The Case For And Against a Nursing Home Industry Crisis - https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/07/the-case-for-and-against-a-nursing-home-industry-crisis/?euid=e0557ca2d3&utm_source=snn-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=40b26c3942&mc_cid=40b26c3942&mc_eid=e0557ca2d3
 - McKnights Senior Living: An update on President Biden’s initiatives for long-term care - <https://www.mcknights.com/blogs/guest-columns/an-update-on-president-bidens-initiatives-for-long-term-care/>
 - McKnights Senior Living: CMS tool creating new pathways to assisted living could prove ‘a positive development for residents and providers’ - <https://www.mcknightsseniorliving.com/home/news/cms-tool-creating-new-pathways-to-assisted-living-could-prove-a-positive-development-for-residents-and-providers/>