HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: JULY 28, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate convenes at 10 a.m. Following leader remarks, the Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Constance J. Milstein to be U.S. ambassador to Malta. At 1:45 p.m., the Senate will vote on confirmation of the Milstein nomination.
  - Nominations:
    - Constance J. Milstein to be U.S. ambassador to Malta.

- The House reconvenes at 10 a.m. for legislative business. The chamber is expected to consider a bill (Senate amendment to HR 4346) that would encourage the construction of microprocessor manufacturing facilities in the United States, a bill (HR 263) that would generally prohibit the breeding and possession of big cats in the U.S., and three bills under suspension of the rules. The House may also consider a bill (HR 5118) that would respond to drought and wildfires in the Western United States.
  - Bills:
    - HR 5118 — Wildfire Response and Drought Resiliency Act
    - HR 4346 — Semiconductor incentives and science innovation package
    - HR 263 — Big Cat Public Safety Act
    - HR 7283 — Safeguarding Treatment for the Restoration of Ecosystems from Abandoned Mines (STREAM) Act
    - HR 5093 — Wind River Administrative Site Conveyance Act
    - S 3451 — A bill to include certain computer-related projects in the Federal permitting program under title XLI of the FAST Act, and for other purposes.

Health policy update:

- BBB drug pricing and drug price negotiation items
• The Hill: Democrats (finally) strike a deal -

• The Hill: Manchin, Schumer announce slimmed-down deal on climate, taxes, health -

• Politico: Manchin’s latest shocker: A $700B deal -

• Axios: Democrats’ insulin dilemma -

• Roll Call: Health care budget bill to face open-ended ‘vote-a-rama’ -

• USA Today: In turnabout. Sen. Joe Manchin, Senate Leader Schumer reach deal on energy, drug prices, taxes -

• Kaiser Family Foundation: How Would the Prescription Drug Provisions in the Senate Reconciliation Proposal Affect Medicare Beneficiaries? -

• Managed Healthcare Executive: Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Included in Manchin, Schumer Deal -

• RealClearPolicy: Democrats’ Bad Drug Deal -
  https://www.realclearpolicy.com/articles/2022/07/28/democrats_bad_drug_deal_844825.html

• Nurse staffing

• Politico: The Crisis Facing Nursing Homes, Assisted Living and Home Care for America’s Elderly -

- USA Today: To retain nurses and other staffers, hospitals are opening child care centers - https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/health/2022/07/28/retain-staff-hospitals-child-care/10152701002/?gnt-cfr=1


- STIs
  - No new items

- Colon cancer-related items
  - No new items

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

- Vison/dental care in Medicare-related items

- Physical rehabilitation
• Hospital and physician payment-related items

  o Bloomberg: Health Care Briefing: Manchin Deal Extends ACA Subsidies to 2025 - https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RFQ846T0G1KY

  o Bloomberg: Number of Americans Lacking Health Coverage Plunges, CDC Finds - https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RFPUPPT0AFB4

  o Bloomberg: Medicare Telehealth Services Extension Approved by House - https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RFPBBDT0AFB4

  o Bloomberg: Hospices to Get $825 Million Payment Boost From Medicare in 2023 - https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RFP4WRT0G1KX


  o Inside Health Policy: Dems Unveil Reconciliation Package With $64B For 3-Year ARP Extension - https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/dems-unveil-reconciliation-package-64b-3-year-arp-extension


- Nursing home quality initiative