HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: JULY 29, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate is not in session.

- The House reconvened at 9 a.m. for legislative business. The chamber may 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

Health policy update:

- BBB drug pricing and drug price negotiation items
  - Bloomberg: Senate Tax, Climate, Drug Bill in Limbo as Sinema Reviews It - [https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RFQQWGT0G1KW](https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RFQQWGT0G1KW)
  - Bloomberg: FTC Caught in Balancing Act With Pharmacy Benefit Manager Probe - [https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RFRZ3AT0AFB5](https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RFRZ3AT0AFB5)
  - AP News: Deal on Capitol Hill could ease seniors’ health costs - [https://apnews.com/article/health-seniors-medicare-prescription-drug-costs-drugs-8aaa8fd3959c1da5fba5b5a352b6afb0](https://apnews.com/article/health-seniors-medicare-prescription-drug-costs-drugs-8aaa8fd3959c1da5fba5b5a352b6afb0)
• Political: Drugmakers are waging a ‘Hail Mary’ campaign to sink reconciliation bill - https://www.politico.com/news/2022/07/28/drugmakers-are-waging-a-hail-mary-campaign-to-sink-reconciliation-bill-00048513


• Nurse staffing


• STIs

• No new items
• Colon cancer-related items
• Organ donation and transplantation items
  - Still looking for House Oversight report
  - EurekAlert!: New study shows hope, options for older patients with liver cancer - https://www.eurekalert.org/news-releases/960250
• Vison/dental care in Medicare-related items
  - No new items
• Physical rehabilitation
• Hospital and physician payment-related items
• Nursing home quality initiative
- **Bloomberg**: Nursing Home Infections Spur Call for HHS Action on Prevention - [https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RFRKIAT0AFB6](https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RFRKIAT0AFB6)