

HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: JULY 5, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate meets in a pro-forma session.
- The House is in recess.

Health policy update:

- BBB drug pricing and drug price negotiation items
 - Politico: Trans-Atlantic relations - <https://www.politico.com/newsletters/weekly-tax/2022/07/05/trans-atlantic-relations-00043964>
 - Forbes: Government Drug Price Negotiations Offer a False Promise - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/sallypipes/2022/07/05/government-drug-price-negotiations-offer-a-false-promise/?sh=174d35893a2c>
 - Inside Health Policy: House Approps Hikes ARPA-H Funds; Seeks 340B Oversight, Biosimilar Uptake, Obesity Drug Coverage - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/house-approps-hikes-arpa-h-funds-seeks-340b-oversight-biosimilar-uptake-obesity-drug>
 - Stateline: As Drugmakers Cut Off Discounts, Providers Fret for Low-Income Patients - <https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/blogs/stateline/2022/07/01/as-drugmakers-cut-off-discounts-providers-fret-for-low-income-patients>
- Nurse staffing
 - World Economic Forum: How natural language processing can help relieve the healthcare worker shortage - <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2022/07/natural-language-processing-healthcare-worker-shortage/>
 - Modern Healthcare: Educators, employers guide new health pros through COVID - <https://www.modernhealthcare.com/labor/educators-employers-guide-new-health-pros-through-covid>
 - McKnight's Senior Living: Demand for occupancy slows after months of increases - <https://www.mcknightsseniorliving.com/home/news/business-daily-news/demand-for-occupancy-slows-after-months-of-increases/>
 - MedCity News: Report: Physician turnover rates are climbing as they clamor for better work-life balance - <https://medcitynews.com/2022/07/report-physician->

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- STIs
 - No new items
- Colon cancer-related items
 - Stanford Medicine: Stanford-developed molecule homes in on enzyme that promotes colon cancer tumor growth - <https://med.stanford.edu/news/all-news/2022/070/molecule-targets-cancer-cells.html>
 - Medical News Today: Colorectal cancer: More evidence that Western-style diet may increase risk - <https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/colorectal-cancer-more-evidence-that-western-style-diet-may-increase-risk>
- Organ donation and transplantation items
 - Still looking for House Oversight report
 - No new items
- Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items
 - Forbes: Despite scrutiny, Health Insurers Already Looking To Expand Medicare Advantage for 2023 - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/brucejapsen/2022/07/04/despite-scrutiny-health-insurers-already-looking-to-expand-medicare-advantage-for-2023/?sh=50d2a2c7485c>
 - Fierce Healthcare: House lawmakers to CMS: Expand dental coverage in Medicare now - <https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/payers/house-lawmakers-cms-expand-dental-coverage-medicare-now>
- Physical rehabilitation
 - No new items
- Hospital and physician payment-related items

- Washington Post: Now insurers and employers have to reveal health care prices - <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/07/05/now-insurers-employers-have-reveal-health-care-prices/>
- Modern Healthcare: CMS proposes CoP for new rural emergency hospital model - https://www.modernhealthcare.com/policy/cms-proposes-cop-new-rural-emergency-hospital-model?utm_source=modern-healthcare-am-tuesday&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20220704&utm_content=article-3-headline
- Modern Healthcare: To report or not to report? CMS COVID quality plan prompts questions - <https://www.modernhealthcare.com/safety-quality/report-or-not-report-cms-covid-quality-plan-prompts-questions>
- Becker's Hospital Review: CMS' proposed rule for Rural Emergency Hospital designations: 8 things to know - <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/finance/cms-proposed-rule-for-rural-emergency-hospital-designations-8-things-to-know.html>
- Becker's Hospital Review: The caveat of payers' current posted prices - <https://www.beckerspayer.com/payer/the-caveat-of-payers-current-posted-prices.html>
- Health Affairs: Delays Extending the American Rescue Plan's Health Insurance Subsidies Will Raise Premiums And Reduce Coverage - <https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/forefront.20220628.782958>
- Healthcare Dive: To aid rural hospitals, CMS proposes rule for new provider type - <https://www.healthcaredive.com/news/aid-rural-hospitals-cms-rule-new-provider-type/626527/>
- Nursing home quality initiative
 - Modern Healthcare: CMS taking steps toward nursing home minimum staffing requirement - https://www.modernhealthcare.com/politics-policy/cms-taking-steps-toward-nursing-home-minimum-staffing-requirement?utm_source=modern-healthcare-am-tuesday&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20220704&utm_content=article-2-headline