

## HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: JULY 6, 2022

### Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate is not in session.
- The House is not in session.

### Health policy update:

- BBB drug pricing and drug price negotiation items
  - Politico: Recess reconciliation move: Schumer submits (some) text - <https://www.politico.com/newsletters/huddle/2022/07/06/recess-reconciliation-move-schumer-submits-some-text-00044194>
  - Reuters: U.S. Senate Democrats reach deal to lower drug prices - <https://www.reuters.com/world/us/us-senate-democrats-reach-deal-lower-drug-prices-2022-07-06/>
  - CQ News: For chips and budget packages, Democrats face critical choices - [https://plus.cq.com/doc/news-7519418?1&utm\\_medium=newsletter&utm\\_source=cqnews-morning](https://plus.cq.com/doc/news-7519418?1&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_source=cqnews-morning)
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  - National Review: Report: Schumer, Manchin Agree on Reconciliation Bill - <https://www.nationalreview.com/news/report-schumer-manchin-agree-on-reconciliation-bill/>
  - Fierce Healthcare: Drugmaker 340B contract pharmacy restrictions continue with Bausch Health - <https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/drugmaker-340b-contract-pharmacy-restrictions-continue-bausch-health>
  - RealClearHealth (Opinion): Resurrecting Failed Drug Price Controls Before the Midterms Won't Help Americans - [https://www.realclearhealth.com/articles/2022/07/05/resurrecting\\_failed\\_drug\\_price\\_controls\\_before\\_the\\_midterms\\_wont\\_help\\_americans\\_111361.html](https://www.realclearhealth.com/articles/2022/07/05/resurrecting_failed_drug_price_controls_before_the_midterms_wont_help_americans_111361.html)
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- Becker's Hospital Review: RNs among essential workers least satisfied with wage increases - <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/compensation-issues/rns-among-essential-workers-least-satisfied-with-wage-increases.html>
- Becker's Hospital Review: ASCs operating at 'breakneck' speed to compete with HOPD staffing - <https://www.beckersasc.com/leadership/ascs-operating-at-breakneck-speed-to-compete-with-hopd-staffing.html>
- 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
- Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items
  - Healthcare Finance News: House members urge CMS to expand medicare dental coverage - <https://www.healthcarefinancenews.com/news/house-members-urge-cms-expand-medicare-dental-coverage>
- Physical rehabilitation
  - No new items
- Hospital and physician payment-related items
  - NBC: Manchin weighs options for extending ACA funding to avert premium hikes - <https://www.nbcnews.com/meet-the-press/meetthepressblog/manchin-weighs-options-extending-aca-funding-avert-premium-hikes-rcna36818>
  - Inside Health Policy: CMMI Finds Implicit Bias In Kidney, Heart And Joint Replacement Models - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/cmmi-finds-implicit-bias-kidney-heart-and-joint-replacement-models>

- Inside Health Policy: Rural Residents Would Lose Out If ARPA Tax Credits Expire - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/urban-analysts-rural-residents-would-lose-out-if-arpa-tax-credits-expire>
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  - McKnight's Senior Living: Hospitals with more nursing home beds nearby readmit fewer patients - <https://www.mcknights.com/news/hospitals-with-more-nursing-home-beds-nearby-readmit-fewer-patients-study/>