HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: JULY 7, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

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

Health policy update:

- BBB drug pricing and drug price negotiation items
  - Washington Post (Opinion): Medicare could have saved $3 billion buying drugs the Mark Cuban way - https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2022/07/07/medicare-save-three-billion-drugs-mark-cuban/
  - The Hill: The Senate’s plan on insulin drugs is the wrong way to solve the affordability problem - https://thehill.com/opinion/congress-blog/3548289-the-senates-plan-on-insulin-drugs-is-the-wrong-way-to-solve-the-affordability-problem/

• Stat News: Hospitals and for-profit PBMs are diverting billions in 340B savings from patients in need - https://www.statnews.com/2022/07/07/for-profit-pbms-diverting-billions-340b-savings/

• Nurse staffing
  - No new items

• STIs
  - No new items

• Colon cancer-related items
  - No new items

• Organ donation and transplantation items
  - Still looking for House Oversight report
  

• Vison/dental care in Medicare-related items

• Physical rehabilitation

• Hospital and physician payment-related items


Nursing home quality initiative