

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
 - Office of Senator Jeanne Shaheen: ICYMI: Shaheen & Collins Release Bipartisan Bill to Lower Insulin Costs for 37 Million Americans with Diabetes - <https://www.shaheen.senate.gov/news/press/icymi-shaheen-and-collins-release-bipartisan-bill-to-lower-insulin-costs-for-37-million-americans-with-diabetes->
 - Washington Post: Democrats race to clinch deal on climate, energy with Manchin - <https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/2022/07/07/climate-reconciliation-bill-manchin/>
 - 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/>
 - Axios: Dems try again on drug prices - <https://www.axios.com/2022/07/07/democrats-drug-prices-schumer-manchin-midterms>
 - Bloomberg: Drug Price War Gets Agency Buy-Ins as Senate Democrats Push Plan - <https://news.bloomberglaw.com/ip-law/drug-price-war-gets-agency-buy-ins-as-senate-democrats-push-plan>
 - Kaiser Health News: Seeking to Kick-Start Biden's Agenda, Schumer Unveils a Bill for Medicare Drug Price Negotiations - <https://khn.org/news/article/medicare-drug-price-negotiation-senate-democrats-legislation/>

- Stat News: Here's what Democrats changed in their latest drug pricing bill - <https://www.statnews.com/2022/07/07/heres-what-democrats-changed-in-their-latest-drug-pricing-bill/>
- 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
 - Nature: Clinical trials for pig-to-human organ transplants inch closer - <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-022-01861-2>
- Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items
 - Healthcare Innovation: Should Medicare Cover Medically Necessary Dental Care? - <https://www.hcinnovationgroup.com/policy-value-based-care/medicare-medicaid/news/21273251/should-medicare-cover-medically-necessary-dental-care>
- Physical rehabilitation
 - Angelman Syndrome News: Goal-oriented Therapy With Brain Stimulation Improves Boy's Walking - <https://angelmansyndromenews.com/news/angelman-child-shows-gains-with-physical-therapy-brain-stimulation/>
- Hospital and physician payment-related items
 - American Hospital Association: Fact Sheet: AHA Urges Congress to Call on CMS to Stop Cuts to Hospitals - <https://www.aha.org/fact-sheets/2022-07-06-fact-sheet-aha-urges-congress-call-cms-stop-cuts-hospitals>

- American Hospital Association: AHA releases new fact sheet for congressional advocacy efforts urging CMS to fix inadequate inpatient payment proposal - <https://www.aha.org/news/headline/2022-07-06-aha-releases-new-fact-sheet-congressional-advocacy-efforts-urging-cms-fix>
- Becker's Hospital Review: 18% of healthcare.gov claims are denied, Kaiser Family Foundation finds - <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/finance/18-of-healthcare-gov-claims-are-denied-kaiser-family-foundation-finds.html>
- Health Leaders: AHA Asks For Prompt Repayment Of 340B Funds To Hospitals - <https://www.healthleadersmedia.com/revenue-cycle/aha-asks-prompt-repayment-340b-funds-hospitals>
- Nursing home quality initiative
 - Skilled Nursing News: Shifting Clinical Need in Nursing Homes Puts Spotlight On Burgeoning SNFist Role - <https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/07/shifting-clinical-need-in-nursing-homes-puts-spotlight-on-burgeoning-snfist-role/>