HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: August 1, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate convenes at 3 p.m. Following leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Elizabeth Wilson Hanes to be a U.S. district judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. At 5:30 p.m., the Senate will vote on agreeing to the Schumer, D-N.Y., motion to invoke cloture on the Hanes nomination.
  - Nominations:
    - Elizabeth Wilson Hanes to be a U.S. district judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.
- The House is not in session.

Health policy update:

- BBB drug pricing and drug price negotiation items
  - Bloomberg: Manchin Pitches Democrats’ Tax-Climate Bill to Silent Sinema - [https://www.bbgov.com/next/news/RFW5X7DWRGG0](https://www.bbgov.com/next/news/RFW5X7DWRGG0)
- Nurse staffing


- **MedCity News:** Report: Gen Z nurses are entering the workforce plagued by staffing shortage anxiety - [https://medcitynews.com/2022/07/report-gen-z-nurses-are-entering-the-workforce-plagued-by-staffing-shortage-anxiety/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&hsenc=p2ANqtz-rMKDZpIfLmflFb7p1jODUxE7OOgATSubqBjr9fesQyHKTgpSvQoGUKyebixi7aKq4bHEI7T05siV-u5XvpFiuOPcSDw&utm_content=221418673&hsmi=221418673&hsenc=p2ANqtz-rMKDZpIfLmflFb7p1jODUxE7OOgATSubqBjr9fesQyHKTgpSvQoGUKyebixi7aKq4bHEI7T05siV-u5XvpFiuOPcSDw&utm_content=221418673&utmsource=hs_email](https://medcitynews.com/2022/07/report-gen-z-nurses-are-entering-the-workforce-plagued-by-staffing-shortage-anxiety/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&hsenc=p2ANqtz-rMKDZpIfLmflFb7p1jODUxE7OOgATSubqBjr9fesQyHKTgpSvQoGUKyebixi7aKq4bHEI7T05siV-u5XvpFiuOPcSDw&utm_content=221418673&hsmi=221418673&hsenc=p2ANqtz-rMKDZpIfLmflFb7p1jODUxE7OOgATSubqBjr9fesQyHKTgpSvQoGUKyebixi7aKq4bHEI7T05siV-u5XvpFiuOPcSDw&utm_content=221418673&utmsource=hs_email)


- **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**
  - **No new items**

- **Physical rehabilitation**
  - **No new items**
• Hospital and physician payment-related items
  
  o **Modern Healthcare**: Hospitals Are Spending More Than They Make. Communities Are Paying the Price -
    [https://www.modernhealthcare.com/revenue-cycle/hospitals-are-spending-more-they-make-communities-are-paying-price](https://www.modernhealthcare.com/revenue-cycle/hospitals-are-spending-more-they-make-communities-are-paying-price)

• Nursing home quality initiative
  
  o **Skilled Nursing News**: CMS Final Rule Gives Nursing Homes 2.7% Pay Bump, PDPM-Related Cuts to Be Phased In -
    [https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/07/cms-final-rule-gives-nursing-homes-2-7-pay-bump-pdpm-related-cuts-to-be-phased-in/?euid=e0557ca2d3&utm_source=snn-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=4ad1372fb0&mc_cid=4ad1372fb0&mc_eid=e0557ca2d3]

  o **Modern Healthcare**: CMS changes course, increases Medicare pay for nursing homes -