

## 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
  - Washington Post: A policy win, an economic hit: Turbulent week reflects Biden's challenge - <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/07/31/biden-agenda-economy-challenge/>
  - Bloomberg: Democrats Face Tough Messaging War on Prescription Drug Bill - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RFXJ3MDWLU68>
  - Bloomberg: Manchin Pitches Democrats' Tax-Climate Bill to Silent Sinema - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RFW5X7DWRGG0>
  - Axios: Biden poised to deliver on decades-long Democratic promise - <https://www.axios.com/2022/08/01/biden-democrats-prescription-drugs-price-negotiations-medicare>
  - Managed Healthcare Executive: Part D Premiums Will Be Slightly Lower in 2023: CMS - <https://www.managedhealthcareexecutive.com/view/part-d-premiums-will-be-slightly-lower-in-2023>
- Nurse staffing
  - Kaiser Health News: To Retain Nurses and Other Staffers, Hospitals Are Opening Child Care Centers - <https://khn.org/news/article/to-retain-nurses-and-other-staffers-hospitals-are-opening-child-care-centers/>

- Inside Health Policy: CMS: Minimum Staffing Ratio Rule Coming Before Next SOTU - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/cms-minimum-staffing-ratio-rule-coming-next-sotu>
- McKnight's Senior Living: COVID-19 outbreaks worsened nursing home staffing shortages: study - <https://www.mcknights.com/news/clinical-news/covid-19-outbreaks-worsened-nursing-home-staffing-shortages-study/>
- 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&\\_hsmt=221418673&\\_hsenc=p2ANqtz-rMKDZplfLmfRb7p1jODUsE7OOgATSubqBJr9feSqPyHKTgpSvQQgUkyebixi7aKq4bHEI7T05siV-u5XVpFiuOPcSDw&utm\\_content=221418673&utm\\_source=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&_hsmt=221418673&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-rMKDZplfLmfRb7p1jODUsE7OOgATSubqBJr9feSqPyHKTgpSvQQgUkyebixi7aKq4bHEI7T05siV-u5XVpFiuOPcSDw&utm_content=221418673&utm_source=hs_email)
- Becker's Hospital Review: Beyond the dollar: Hospitals embrace flexibility to retain workers - <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/workforce/beyond-the-dollar-hospitals-embrace-flexibility-to-retain-workers.html>
- STIs
  - No new items
- Colon cancer-related items
  - No new items
- Organ donation and transplantation items
  - Still looking for House Oversight report
  - Washington Post: Thousands of lives depend on a transplant network in need of 'vast restructuring' - <https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2022/07/31/unos-transplants-kidneys-hearts-technology/>
- Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items
  - No new items
- Physical rehabilitation
  - No new items

- Hospital and physician payment-related items
  - 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>
  
- Nursing home quality initiative
  - 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](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)
  - Modern Healthcare: CMS changes course, increases Medicare pay for nursing homes - [https://www.modernhealthcare.com/medicare/nursing-home-medicare-pay-hike-set-2023?utm\\_source=modern-healthcare-am&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=20220731&utm\\_content=article2-headline](https://www.modernhealthcare.com/medicare/nursing-home-medicare-pay-hike-set-2023?utm_source=modern-healthcare-am&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20220731&utm_content=article2-headline)