**HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: August 11, 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**
  - [Washington Post: Democrats need to sell a health package that doesn’t kick in right away](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/08/11/democrats-need-sell-health-package-that-doesnt-kick-right-away/)
  - [Health Affairs: Understanding The Democrats’ Drug Pricing Package](https://www.healthaffairs.org/do/10.1377/hlthaff.2022.054179/full)

- **Nurse staffing**
  - [New York University: Nursing Home Staffing is Worse in Disadvantaged Communities](https://www.nyu.edu/about/news-publications/news/2022/august/nursing-home-staffing-is-worse-in-disadvantaged-communities.html)
  - [McKnight's Senior Living: The recruiting and retention strategy you’re probably not using](https://www.mcknights.com/hot_topics/industry_updates/2022-august/the-recruiting-and-retention-strategy-youre-probably-not-using/

- Becker's Hospital Review: 7 schools launching nursing programs - [https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/nursing/7-schools-launching-nursing-programs-2.html](https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/nursing/7-schools-launching-nursing-programs-2.html)

- Colon cancer-related items

- Organ donation and transplantation items
  - Still looking for House Oversight report
  - No new items

- Vison/dental care in Medicare-related items
  - No new items

- Physical rehabilitation
  - No new items

- Hospital and physician payment-related items
  - Bloomberg: Extending Health Subsidies Averts Premium Hikes, Risks Inflation - [https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RGERU1T0AFB4](https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RGERU1T0AFB4)

- Nursing home quality initiative
  
  

- Health equity-related items
  
  
  o Fierce Healthcare: Hospitals serving the most Black patients see lower payments and profits, data show - [https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/hospitals-serving-most-black-patients-see-lower-payments-profits-data-show](https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/hospitals-serving-most-black-patients-see-lower-payments-profits-data-show)