HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: August 16, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate meets in a pro-forma session.
- The House is not in session.

Health policy update:

- BBB drug pricing and drug price negotiation items
  
  o The White House: By The Numbers: The Inflation Reduction Act -  
  
  o Wall Street Journal: Joe Biden to Sign Bill Aimed at Lowering Drug Costs, Boosting Renewable Energy -  
  
  o Washington Post: Medicare chief vows to implement drug pricing reforms on time -  
    https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/08/16/medicare-chief-vows-implement-drug-pricing-reforms-time/
  
  o Washington Post: Biden to sign sweeping bill to tackle climate change, lower health-care costs -  
  
  o Bloomberg: Biden to Sign Massive Climate and Health Care Legislation -  
  
  o Fox News: Pharmaceutical industry under fire for releasing new medications at record-high prices this year -  
  
  o The Hill: Health Care — Biden set to mark drug pricing milestone -  
  
  o Stat News: Unpacking the drug pricing policies that Congress just approved -  
    https://www.statnews.com/2022/08/16/unpacking-drug-pricing-reforms/
- **MedCity News**: House decision on drug price negotiations may have little impact on drug industry, some say - [https://medcitynews.com/2022/08/house-decision-on-drug-price-negotiations-may-have-little-impact-on-drug-industry-some-say/](https://medcitynews.com/2022/08/house-decision-on-drug-price-negotiations-may-have-little-impact-on-drug-industry-some-say/)

- Nurse staffing
  - **American Medical Association**: Responding to the shortages that are driving up doctor burnout - [https://www.ama-assn.org/practice-management/physician-health/responding-shortages-are-driving-doctor-burnout](https://www.ama-assn.org/practice-management/physician-health/responding-shortages-are-driving-doctor-burnout)


- Colon cancer-related items

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


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

- Physical rehabilitation
- **MedCity News**: The role of digital physical therapy in modernizing MSK treatment - [https://medcitynews.com/2022/08/the-role-of-digital-physical-therapy-in-modernizing-msk-treatment/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=222937996&_hseclubz-p2ANqtz-uCMvCylarc1kd5tY6q91szb4rtv6Ky03ie7I7xJGgGhLjvY5g2NFYOpfN7wnkUI7JAF9w27vM3zDtnwBL_vYs2XKSwN4w&utm_content=222937996&utm_source=hs_email](https://medcitynews.com/2022/08/the-role-of-digital-physical-therapy-in-modernizing-msk-treatment/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=222937996&_hseclubz-p2ANqtz-uCMvCylarc1kd5tY6q91szb4rtv6Ky03ie7I7xJGgGhLjvY5g2NFYOpfN7wnkUI7JAF9w27vM3zDtnwBL_vYs2XKSwN4w&utm_content=222937996&utm_source=hs_email)


- **Hospital and physician payment-related items**

- **Inside Health Policy**: Biden To Sign IRA As QHP Applications Due, COVID-19 PHE Expected To Go Into January - [https://insidehealthpolicy.com/features/health-insider](https://insidehealthpolicy.com/features/health-insider)


- **Nursing home quality initiative**
  - **No new items**

- **Health equity-related items**
  - **American Journal of Managed Care**: Taking Action to Address Health Equity in Oncology - [https://www.ajmc.com/view/taking-action-to-address-health-equity-in-oncology](https://www.ajmc.com/view/taking-action-to-address-health-equity-in-oncology)