HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: August 18, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate is not in session.
- The House is not in session.

Health policy update:

- Drug pricing and Inflation Reduction Act-related items
  - Stat News: Pharma’s likely to sue over Medicare negotiation. Here are the arguments they might use - https://www.statnews.com/2022/08/18/medicare-negotiation-legal-arguments/
  - MedCity News: 3 ways to reform the pharmacy benefits industry - https://medcitynews.com/2022/08/3-ways-to-reform-the-pharmacy-benefits-industry/

- Nurse staffing
  - Skilled Nursing News: LPNs Are Asking For Leadership Positions and Staff-Strapped Operators Are Happy to Comply - https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/08/lpns-are-asking-for-leadership-positions-and-staff-strapped-operators-are-happy-to-comply/?euid=e0557ca2d3&utm_source=snn-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=8d8c88e046&mc_cid=8d8c88e046&mc_eid=e0557ca2d3
• Becker’s Hospital Review: 5 revenue cycle leaders weigh in on staffing challenges - https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/finance/5-revenue-cycle-leaders-weigh-in-on-staffing-challenges.html

• Colon cancer-related items


• Organ donation and transplantation items

  o Still looking for House Oversight report


• Vison/dental care in Medicare-related items

  o No new items

• Physical rehabilitation

  o No new items

• Hospital and physician payment-related items


  o Healthcare Finance News: Ambulatory surgery centers compete with hospitals for outpatient dollars -
• Ambulatory surgery centers compete with hospitals - outpatient dollars


• Nursing home quality initiative


• Health equity-related items