

## HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: August 22, 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
  - Reuters: Hiring and data: how the U.S. will set up new Medicare drug price talks - <https://www.reuters.com/business/healthcare-pharmaceuticals/hiring-data-how-us-will-set-up-new-medicare-drug-price-talks-2022-08-22/>
  - The Hill (Opinion): Murray's drug bill includes a poison pill for prescription imports - <https://thehill.com/opinion/healthcare/3607840-murrays-drug-bill-includes-a-poison-pill-for-prescription-imports/>
  - MSNBC (Opinion): The biggest problem with Democrats' sales pitch to seniors - <https://www.msnbc.com/opinion/msnbc-opinion/democrats-hope-medicare-prices-hearing-aids-win-seniors-midterms-n1298105>
- Nurse staffing
  - Skilled Nursing News: AHCA's Parkinson: Unfunded Federal Staffing Mandate Would Be 'Lights Out' For Nursing Homes Across The Country - [https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/08/ahcas-parkinson-unfunded-federal-staffing-mandate-would-be-lights-out-for-nursing-homes-across-the-country/?euid=e0557ca2d3&utm\\_source=snn-newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=c942b481ba&mc\\_cid=c942b481ba&mc\\_eid=e0557ca2d3](https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/08/ahcas-parkinson-unfunded-federal-staffing-mandate-would-be-lights-out-for-nursing-homes-across-the-country/?euid=e0557ca2d3&utm_source=snn-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=c942b481ba&mc_cid=c942b481ba&mc_eid=e0557ca2d3)
  - Modern Healthcare: CommonSpirit readies launch of nation's largest nursing residency program - [https://www.modernhealthcare.com/providers/commonspirit-launch-nations-largest-nursing-residency-program?utm\\_source=modern-healthcare-am&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=20220821&utm\\_content=article1-headline](https://www.modernhealthcare.com/providers/commonspirit-launch-nations-largest-nursing-residency-program?utm_source=modern-healthcare-am&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20220821&utm_content=article1-headline)
  - McKnights Senior Living: New nurse concierge program adds clinical prowess, staff relief - <https://www.mcknights.com/news/new-nurse-concierge-program-adds-clinical-prowess-staff-relief/>
- Colon cancer-related items

- No new items
- Organ donation and transplantation items
  - Still looking for House Oversight report
  - Healio: Kidneys from living donors prove more successful in pediatric recipients - <https://www.healio.com/news/nephrology/20220822/kidneys-from-living-donors-prove-more-successful-in-pediatric-recipients>
- Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items
  - The Hill (Opinion): What the more effective safety net? - <https://thehill.com/opinion/finance/3609404-whats-the-more-effective-safety-net/>
- Physical rehabilitation
  - No new items
- Hospital and physician payment-related items
  - Forbes: Health Insurance Subsidies, Set To Expire At The End of 2022, Extended Via The Inflation Reduction Act - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/debgordon/2022/08/21/health-insurance-subsidies-set-to-expire-at-the-end-of-2022-extended-via-the-inflation-reduction-act/?sh=7fdacff27066>
  - Axios: Surprise billing rule gets new rules for working out disputes - <https://www.axios.com/2022/08/22/surprise-billing-rule-out-disputes>
  - Stat News: Biden administration largely stands firm on its method for resolving surprise billing disputes - <https://www.statnews.com/2022/08/19/medicare-surprise-billing-final-rule/>
  - Stat News: Hospitals wrangle billions in FEMA funding to offset Covid costs - <https://www.statnews.com/2022/08/22/hospitals-wrangle-billions-in-fema-funding-to-offset-covid-costs/>
  - Fierce Healthcare: Biden admin releases final surprise billing rule that updates dispute resolution process after legal setbacks - <https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/biden-admin-releases-final-surprise-billing-rule-updates-arbitration-process-after-legal>
  - MedCity News: Healthcare costs for employers to rise 6.5% in 2023, Aon report predicts - <https://medcitynews.com/2022/08/healthcare-costs-for-employers->

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- MedCity News: The price is not right - [https://medcitynews.com/2022/08/the-price-is-not-right/?utm\\_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm\\_medium=email&\\_hsmi=223517722&\\_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8uNFMb0XXCHzT9F7KoPCwNM609xJRNYjAozvVICK0oVggVHoEO-v5kLibX7h3l\\_l5P5zIFThNNA4T6PL\\_w8cMvakA&utm\\_content=223517722&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://medcitynews.com/2022/08/the-price-is-not-right/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=223517722&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8uNFMb0XXCHzT9F7KoPCwNM609xJRNYjAozvVICK0oVggVHoEO-v5kLibX7h3l_l5P5zIFThNNA4T6PL_w8cMvakA&utm_content=223517722&utm_source=hs_email)
- Nursing home quality initiative
  - No new items
- Health equity-related items
  - Health Affairs: A Need For Disability Data Justice - <https://www.healthaffairs.org/content/forefront/need-disability-data-justice>
  - Healio: ‘Feet to the fire’: Addressing racial disparities in medicine requires ‘continuous’ work - <https://www.healio.com/news/rheumatology/20220819/feet-to-the-fire-addressing-racial-disparities-in-medicine-requires-continuous-work>