HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: August 25, 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

- Nurse staffing
  - McKnights Senior Living: Nursing homes can’t compete if the data doesn’t stack up, experts warn - https://www.mcknights.com/news/nursing-homes-cant-compete-if-the-data-doesnt-stack-up-experts-warn/
• Becker’s Hospital Review: Labor turnover: 6 fast facts on which states have been hit the hardest - https://www.beckersasc.com/asc-news/labor-turnover-6-fast-facts-on-which-states-have-been-hit-the-hardest.html

• Colon cancer-related items
  - No new 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
Fierce Healthcare: Study: Costs to add substance abuse coverage to Medicare to only increase spending by nominal amount -
https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/payers/study-costs-add-substance-abuse-coverage-medicare-only-increase-spending-nominal-amount

MedCity News: Government issues final rules to prevent surprise medical bills -
https://medcitynews.com/2022/08/government-issues-final-rules-to-prevent-surprise-medical-bills/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=223941536&_hsrc=p2ANqtz-_TMf3XM14d0Qn-BgB7QgEbyoyKclv92fZtvbSRIFH1HuSxK3Iv8-Qw5C4FaE50g5eyiQCTtmRXqOYZMRfqsKrT_2FF_A&utm_content=223941536&utm_source=hs_email

RevCycleIntelligence: AHA Voices Concerns About Home Health Medicare Reimbursement Update -

- Nursing home quality initiative
  - No new items

- Health equity-related items
  - Becker’s Hospital Review: National Committee for Quality Assurance taps Dr. Bryan O. Buckley has health equity initiatives director -