

HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: August 29, 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
 - Washington Post (Opinion): Limit the pain for pharmaceutical companies - <https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2022/08/28/limit-pain-pharmaceutical-companies/>
 - Forbes: The Ultimate Price of Government Price Controls - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/sallypipes/2022/08/29/the-ultimate-price-of-government-price-controls/?sh=3cb7b4c27441>
 - The Hill: Democrats peg inflation to corporate greed on campaign trail - <https://thehill.com/business-a-lobbying/3617597-democrats-peg-inflation-to-corporate-greed-on-campaign-trail/>
- Nurse staffing
 - Bloomberg: Health Care Briefing: Burnout Hampers Biden's Home-Health Effort - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RHDGSDWX2PS>
 - Bloomberg: Worker Shortage Hampers Biden's Expansion of Home Health Care - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RHDEOMT1UM0W>
 - Health Leaders: Phoebe Virtual Remote Nurse Program Shows Positive Results - <https://www.healthleadersmedia.com/nursing/phoebe-virtual-remote-nurse-program-shows-positive-results>
 - McKnights Senior Living: 'Recession proof' nursing homes may not see usual labor gains due to COVID - <https://www.mcknights.com/news/recession-proof-nursing-homes-may-not-see-usual-labor-gains-due-to-covid/>
 - Medical Xpress: Why health workers need to broaden their roles to fix the workforce crisis - <https://medicalxpress.com/news/2022-08-health-workers-broaden-roles-workforce.html>
- Colon cancer-related items

- No new items
- Organ donation and transplantation items
 - Still looking for House Oversight report
 - Wall Street Journal: Scientists to Study Pig-Organ Transplants in Brain-Dead People for Longer Periods - <https://www.wsj.com/articles/scientists-to-study-pig-organ-transplants-in-brain-dead-people-for-longer-periods-11661561349>
- Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items
 - No new items
- Physical rehabilitation
 - No new items
- Hospital and physician payment-related items
 - Wall Street Journal: Health Insurers Are Big Winners in Biden's Inflation Law - https://www.wsj.com/articles/health-insurers-are-big-winners-in-bidens-inflation-law-11661716372?mod=lead_feature_below_a_pos1
 - Inside Health Policy: HHS Awards \$99M For ACA Navigators; \$12.5M Of Which Supports Medicaid Unwinding - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/hhs-awards-99m-aca-navigators-125m-which-supports-medicaid-unwinding>
 - Stat News: As medical device companies look to snap up Medicare dollars, potential conflicts lurk - <https://www.statnews.com/2022/08/29/medical-device-companies-medicare-higher-payments/>
 - MedCity News: MA to become predominant form of coverage for Medicare beneficiaries, report finds - https://medcitynews.com/2022/08/ma-to-become-predominant-form-of-coverage-for-medicare-beneficiaries-report-finds/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=224248118&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-93zD12iAqoWo-OYRSIo8cFyPyh-0V5WVljcfv0Hd58iYwWczKUKstTUik9hMiNu3lWjHfSsfpVRnDQxB8weqSTRNvaAQ&utm_content=224248118&utm_source=hs_email
 - MedCity News: Pre-service cost estimates: A tale of two patient journeys - <https://medcitynews.com/2022/08/pre-service-cost-estimates-a-tale-of-two-patient-journeys/>
- Nursing home quality initiative

- Skilled Nursing News: American Senior Communities CEO Seeks Stability Amid Enduring Nursing Home Operating Perils -
<https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/08/american-senior-communities-ceo-seeks-stability-amid-enduring-nursing-home-operating-perils/>
- Health equity-related items
 - No new items