HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: August 3, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate convenes at noon. Following leader remarks, the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 1:30 p.m., when it will proceed to the consideration of the treaty (TD 117-3) admitting Finland and Sweden to NATO, with three hours of debate equally divided between the majority and minority leaders or their designees. The chamber will consider the Sullivan, R-Alaska, amendment no. 5192 and the Paul, R-Ky., amendment no. 5191 to the resolution of treaty ratification. At approximately 4:30 p.m., the Senate will vote on agreeing to each amendment and on agreeing to the resolution of ratification.
  - Treaties:
- The House is not in session.

Health policy update:

- BBB drug pricing and drug price negotiation items
  - Bloomberg: Democrats Try to Go Big on Insulin Changes for Drug-Pricing Bill - https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RG07YGTOG1KW
  - The Hill: GOP targets Sinema while going all out to block Democratic bill - https://thehill.com/policy/3585345-gop-targets-sinema-while-going-all-out-to-block-democratic-bill/
- **Politico**: Dems ready to gamble their domestic agenda on Sinema - [https://www.politico.com/news/2022/08/02/dems-sinema-manchin-bill-00049269](https://www.politico.com/news/2022/08/02/dems-sinema-manchin-bill-00049269)

- **Axios**: How companies are shaking up how we pay for old drugs - [https://www.axios.com/2022/08/03/how-companies-are-shaking-up-how-we-pay-for-old-drugs](https://www.axios.com/2022/08/03/how-companies-are-shaking-up-how-we-pay-for-old-drugs)


- **Nurse staffing**


  - **Becker’s Hospital Review**: The initiative that’s bringing nurses back to the bedside at Jefferson Health - [https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/nursing/the-initiative-that-s-bringing-nurses-back-to-the-bedside-at-jefferson-health.html](https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/nursing/the-initiative-that-s-bringing-nurses-back-to-the-bedside-at-jefferson-health.html)

- **STIs**

  - **No new items**

- **Colon cancer-related items**

  - **No new items**

- **Organ donation and transplantation items**

  - **Still looking for House Oversight report**

• Vison/dental care in Medicare-related items
  o No new items
• Physical rehabilitation
• Hospital and physician payment-related items
  o Fierce Healthcare: Patient safety advocate cheers CMS’ reversal on quality reporting, but hospitals say the data are no good - https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/patient-safety-advocate-cheers-cms-reversal-quality-reporting-hospitals-say-datas-no-good
• Nursing home quality initiative
  o Skilled Nursing News: Omega CEO: Nursing Home Recovery Hinges on State Medicaid Boosts Being Extended, Made Permanent - https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/08/omega-ceo-nursing-home-recovery-hinges-on-state-medicaid-boosts-being-extended-made-permanent/?euid=e0557ca2d3&utm_source=snn-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ac65f0c0ae&mc_cid=ac65f0c0ae&mc_eid=e0557ca2d3