HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: August 30, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate meets in a pro-forma session.
- The House meets in a pro-forma session.

Health policy update:

- Drug pricing and Inflation Reduction Act-related items

- Nurse staffing

- Colon cancer-related items

- Organ donation and transplantation items
  - Still looking for House Oversight report
  - No new items

- Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items
  - No new items

- Physical rehabilitation
  - No new items

- Hospital and physician payment-related items
  
  
  - Fierce Healthcare: Higher Medicare Advantage rate didn’t always lead to better quality, RAND study finds - [https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/payers/rand-higher-medicare-advantage-rates-didnt-always-lead-better-quality](https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/payers/rand-higher-medicare-advantage-rates-didnt-always-lead-better-quality)
  
  - Fierce Healthcare: July’s hospital margins were among the worst of the pandemic, Kaufman Hall says - [https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/julys-hospital-margins-were-among-worst-pandemic-kaufman-hall-says](https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/julys-hospital-margins-were-among-worst-pandemic-kaufman-hall-says)
  

• Nursing home quality initiative

  • **RealClearHealth:** Congressional Action Urgently Needed to Preserve Seniors’ Access to Home Health - [https://www.realclearhealth.com/articles/2022/08/29/congressional_action_urgently_needed_to_preserve_seniors_access_to_home_health_111398.html](https://www.realclearhealth.com/articles/2022/08/29/congressional_action_urgently_needed_to_preserve_seniors_access_to_home_health_111398.html)

• Health equity-related items