HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: August 31, 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
  - Axios: Patient groups sue HHS over co-pay assistance program - https://www.axios.com/2022/08/31/patient-groups-hhs-co-pay-assistance-program
  - Huffington Post: Memo To Democrats: It’s The Health Care, Stupid - https://www.huffpost.com/entry/democrats-health-care-biden-agenda_n_630ed81be4b088f742388c78

- Nurse staffing

- Colon cancer-related items
- No new items

- Organ donation and transplantation items
  - Still looking for House Oversight report
  - Healiq: Liver transplantation ‘remains the standard for care’ for HCC patients, regardless of age -

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

- Physical rehabilitation
  - No new items

- Hospital and physician payment-related items
  - Bloomberg: Coordinated Care Groups Saved Medicare Nearly $1.7 Billion -
    https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RHG076DWX2PS
  - Stat News: The No Surprises Act: A Band-Aid protecting business as usual -
  - Inside Health Policy: Stakeholders United To Press Senate On Telehealth Extension -
  - Inside Health Policy: FAH To Congress: Reauthorize Rural Health Programs That End Oct. 1 -
  - Inside Health Policy: Telehealth Stakeholders Push HDHP Extension, Peg Cost At $90 Million Per Year -
  - MedCity News: Biden administration distributes nearly $100M to navigators for 2023 open enrollment period -
    https://medcitynews.com/2022/08/biden-administration-distributes-nearly-100m-to-navigators-for-2023-open-enrollment-period/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=224535410&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-

Fierce Healthcare: Hospitals to Congress: Clock ticking to renew key rural hospitals pay programs - https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/hospitals-congress-clock-ticking-renew-key-rural-hospital-pay-programs

- Nursing home quality initiative
  - No new items

- Health equity-related items
  - Health Affairs: To Promote Equity, Include These Key Provisions In Upcoming Nutrition Legislation - https://www.healthaffairs.org/content/forefront/promote-equity-include-these-key-provisions-upcoming-nutrition-legislation