

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
 - MedPage Today: Gun Violence Bill Contains an Unlikely Provision on PBMs - <https://www.medpagetoday.com/pharmacy/pharmacy/100474>
 - Inside Health Policy: States Could Expand Drug Price Controls To Some Commercial Plans - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/states-could-expand-drug-price-controls-some-commercial-plans>
 - Inside Health Policy: GOP Previews Medicare Negotiation Oversight To Come If They Win House - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/gop-previews-medicare-negotiation-oversight-come-if-they-win-house>
 - Inside Health Policy: Patient Advocates Sue HHS Over Copay Accumulators - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/patient-advocates-sue-hhs-over-copay-accumulators>
- Nurse staffing
 - Modern Healthcare: CMS extends nursing home TNA training deadline - <https://www.modernhealthcare.com/post-acute-care/cms-extends-nursing-home-tna-training-deadline>
 - McKnight's Senior Living: States need to step up with nurse aid waiver clearer, providers say - <https://www.mcknights.com/news/states-need-to-step-up-with-nurse-aide-waiver-clearer-providers-say/>
- Colon cancer-related items

- No new items
- Organ donation and transplantation items
 - Still looking for House Oversight report
 - Healio: Liver transplantation 'remains the standard for care' for HCC patients, regardless of age -
<https://www.healio.com/news/gastroenterology/20220830/liver-transplantation-remains-the-standard-of-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 -
<https://www.statnews.com/2022/08/31/the-no-surprises-act-a-band-aid-protecting-business-as-usual/>
 - Inside Health Policy: Stakeholders United To Press Senate On Telehealth Extension -
<https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/stakeholders-unite-press-senate-telehealth-extension>
 - Inside Health Policy: FAH To Congress: Reauthorize Rural Health Programs That End Oct. 1 -
<https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/fah-congress-reauthorize-rural-health-programs-end-oct-1>
 - Inside Health Policy: Telehealth Stakeholders Push HDHP Extension, Peg Cost At \$90 Million Per Year -
<https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/telehealth-stakeholders-push-hdhp-extension-peg-cost-90-million-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-

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- Modern Healthcare: CMS releases Shared Savings Program results for 2021 - https://www.modernhealthcare.com/accountable-care/medicare-shared-savings-program-2021-results-released?utm_source=modern-healthcare-am-wednesday&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20220830&utm_content=article2-headline
- 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>
 - Inside Health Policy: HRSA Releases \$20 Million In Grants To Address Maternal, Infant Health - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/hrsa-releases-20-million-grants-address-maternal-infant-health>
 - Healio: HHS' primary care initiative looks to enhance health equity - <https://www.healio.com/news/primary-care/20220830/hhs-primary-care-initiative-looks-to-enhance-health-equity>