HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: August 4, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate convenes at noon. Following leader remarks, the Senate will begin consideration of a joint resolution (S J Res 55) providing for congressional disapproval of the April 2020 Council on Environmental Quality rule related to National Environmental Policy Act implementation. At 1:45 p.m., the Senate will vote on passage of the joint resolution and on confirmation of the nomination of Roopali H. Desai to be U.S. circuit judge for the Ninth Circuit. Additional roll call votes are possible.

  - Nominations:
    - Roopali H. Desai to be U.S. circuit judge for the Ninth Circuit.
  
  - Bills:
    - S J Res 55 — A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Council on Environmental Quality relating to 'National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Regulations Revisions.'

- The House is not in session.

Health policy update:

- BBB drug pricing and drug price negotiation items


• Politico: Electric cars, drug costs and more: 5 battles Democrats could lose on their marquee bill - https://www.politico.com/news/2022/08/03/democrat-party-line-bill-changes-00049626


• Nurse staffing


- STIs

- Colon cancer-related items
  - No new items

- Organ donation and transplantation items
  - Still looking for House Oversight report
  - Washington Post: 70 deaths, many wasted organs are blamed on transplant system errors - https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2022/08/03/transplant-deaths-mistakes-senate-finance/
  - EurekAlert!: What a formula change may mean for Black patients in need of a kidney transplant - https://www.eurekalert.org/news-releases/960763

- Vison/dental care in Medicare-related items

- Physical rehabilitation
  - American Physical Therapy Association: The Proposed 2023 Fee Schedule: 4 Things to Know - [https://www.apta.org/article/2022/08/03/2023-fee-schedule-opportunities](https://www.apta.org/article/2022/08/03/2023-fee-schedule-opportunities)

- Hospital and physician payment-related items
  - Inside Health Policy: Exchange Heads: If Reconciliation Passes In 2 Weeks, Premiums Will Include ARP Credits - [https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/exchange-heads-if-reconciliation-passes-2-weeks-premiums-will-include-arp-credits](https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/exchange-heads-if-reconciliation-passes-2-weeks-premiums-will-include-arp-credits)
  - Health Leaders: 5 Objectives From The CMS RFI To Better Medicare Advantage - [https://www.healthleadersmedia.com/payer/5-objectives-cms-rfi-better-medicare-advantage](https://www.healthleadersmedia.com/payer/5-objectives-cms-rfi-better-medicare-advantage)

- Nursing home quality initiative
  - No new items