HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: August 5, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate is not in session.
- The House meets in a pro forma session.

Health policy update:

- BBB drug pricing and drug price negotiation items
  - Washington Post: Lobbyists are rushing to influence the Democrats’ spending bill - https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2022/08/05/inflation-reduction-act-lobbyists/

- Nurse staffing


Chief Healthcare Executive: Most nurses say there’s not enough staffing, and many intend to leave - [https://www.chiefhealthcareexecutive.com/view/most-nurses-say-there-s-not-enough-staffing-and-many-intend-to-leave](https://www.chiefhealthcareexecutive.com/view/most-nurses-say-there-s-not-enough-staffing-and-many-intend-to-leave)


EurekAlert!: Staff and facility administrator retention has been challenging for long-term care facilities - [https://www.eurekalert.org/news-releases/960812](https://www.eurekalert.org/news-releases/960812)

- STIs
  - No new items

- Colon cancer-related items
  - No new items

- Organ donation and transplantation items
  - Still looking for House Oversight report

- Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items

- Physical rehabilitation
- No new items

- Hospital and physician payment-related items
  - MedPage Today: Hospitals Will Still Have to Share Safety Data Publicly - [https://www.medpagetoday.com/special-reports/features/100063](https://www.medpagetoday.com/special-reports/features/100063)

- Nursing home quality initiative
  - No new items

- Health equity-related items