

HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: August 8, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate is not in session.
- The House is not in session.

Health policy update:

- BBB drug pricing and drug price negotiation items
 - Office of Senator Patty Murray (Press Release): Senator Murray Helps Pass Historic Bill to Lower Prescription Drug and Health Care Costs; Tackle Climate Crisis, Build Stronger Clean Energy Economy - <https://www.murray.senate.gov/senator-murray-helps-pass-historic-bill-to-lower-prescription-drug-and-health-care-costs-tackle-climate-crisis-build-stronger-clean-energy-economy/>
 - Wall Street Journal: Senate Passes Democrats' Climate, Healthcare and Tax Bill - https://www.wsj.com/articles/democrats-climate-plan-gets-early-green-light-11659798389?mod=hp_lead_pos3
 - Washington Post: Senate approves Inflation Reduction Act, clinching long-delayed health and climate bill - <https://www.washingtonpost.com/us-policy/2022/08/07/senate-inflation-reduction-act-climate/>
 - Washington Post: The health care winners and losers in Democrats' economic package - <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/08/08/health-care-winners-losers-democrats-economic-package/>
 - Bloomberg: Health Care Briefing: Senate Passes Landmark Drug-Pricing Bill - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RGAK4CDWRGG4>
 - Bloomberg: Senate Passes Democrats' Landmark Tax, Climate, Drugs Bill - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RG7I3ET0AFB4>
 - The Hill: These seven GOP senators voted to keep \$35 insulin cap in reconciliation bill - <https://thehill.com/homenews/senate/3592005-these-seven-gop-senators-voted-to-keep-35-insulin-cap-in-reconciliation-bill/>
 - Stat News: In a massive victory for Democrats, Medicare is poised to negotiate drug prices - <https://www.statnews.com/2022/08/07/medicare-poised-to-negotiate-drug-prices/>

- Inside Health Policy: Senate Dems Pass Historic Medicare Drug Negotiation Plan, Enhanced ACA Credit Extension - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/senate-dems-pass-historic-medicare-drug-negotiation-plan-enhanced-aca-credit-extension>
- Modern Healthcare: Senate approves big Biden deal; House to vote next - https://www.modernhealthcare.com/politics-policy/senate-approves-big-biden-deal-house-vote-next?utm_source=modern-healthcare-am&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20220807&utm_content=article2-headline
- Nurse staffing
 - Wisconsin Health Care Association: The Long-Term Care Workforce Crisis: A 2022 Report - <https://files.constantcontact.com/dbb1ab01801/b0a28d03-158d-4a57-ba51-6b74c67a8d55.pdf>
 - MedCity News: How NeuroFlow's app improved nurses' wellbeing at Trinity Health - https://medcitynews.com/2022/08/how-neuroflows-app-improved-the-mental-wellbeing-of-trinity-health-nurses/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=222113011&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-DF7xNk8SDfXyrvpJbYYBEjmNzPGaegPqHJ0t2F7pAy2DejFMIF15ThthQ2jQidHcNR1Md6fZKDJIFV-bVE4aPrk3mNQ&utm_content=222113011&utm_source=hs_email
 - McKnights Senior Living: State offers \$3,000 bonuses to grow healthcare workforce by 20% - <https://www.mcknights.com/news/state-offers-3000-employee-bonuses-to-grow-healthcare-workforce-by-20-percent/>
 - McKnights Senior Living: As long-term care job vacancies approach 30 percent, report suggests solutions - <https://www.mcknightsseniorliving.com/home/news/business-daily-news/as-long-term-care-job-vacancies-approach-30-percent-report-suggests-solutions/>
- STIs
 - No new items
- Colon cancer-related items
 - No new items
- Organ donation and transplantation items
 - Still looking for House Oversight report

- No new items
- Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items
 - Roll Call: Thune breaks through Democratic bloc on 'vote-a-rama' amendments - <https://rollcall.com/2022/08/07/democrats-remain-largely-united-on-vote-a-rama-amendments/>
- Physical rehabilitation
 - No new items
- Hospital and physician payment-related items
 - Health Affairs: Lessons From Five Years Of The CMS Accountable Health Communities Model - <https://www.healthaffairs.org/content/forefront/lessons-five-years-cms-accountable-health-communities-model>
 - Stat News: Health care industry swarms Washington as surprise billing rules get ironed out - <https://www.statnews.com/2022/08/08/surprise-billing-rules-lobbying/>
 - MedCity News: Medicaid/CHIP enrollment rose 23.9% during the pandemic, KFF report shows - https://medcitynews.com/2022/08/medicaid-chip-enrollment-rose-23-9-during-the-pandemic-kff-report-shows/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&hsmi=222113011&hsenc=p2ANqtz--qACE1tCtQM6KaShESMkUrXBCMVIH2GiMRn-0nWJq5QdniIqoXCLj1gbQ1FSIAbdSwfwZi12vWDGBGGVZ0oCm6CsnVag&utm_content=222113011&utm_source=hs_email
 - RevCycleIntelligence: Key Challenges, Strategies for Patient-First Billing - <https://revcycleintelligence.com/features/key-challenges-strategies-for-patient-first-billing>
- Nursing home quality initiative
 - Skilled Nursing News: Federal Bill Seeks to Bring 'Long-Overdue' Transparency to Nursing Home Ownership, Finances - <https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/08/federal-bill-seeks-to-bring-long-overdue-transparency-to-nursing-home-ownership-finances/>
- Health equity-related items

- Stat News: The glaring health equity gap in Democrats' drug pricing plan - <https://www.statnews.com/2022/08/06/the-glaring-health-equity-gap-in-democrats-drug-pricing-plan/>
- Becker's Hospital Review: Native American, Black families most likely to delay medical care due to inflation - <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/finance/native-american-black-families-most-likely-to-delay-medical-care-due-to-inflation.html>