

HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: September 1, 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
 - Office of Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (Press Release): Cortez Masto Joins AAPI Community Leaders In Las Vegas To Discuss How The Inflation Reduction Act Will Lower Costs For Nevadans -
<https://www.cortezmasto.senate.gov/news/press-releases/cortez-masto-joins-aapi-community-leaders-in-las-vegas-to-discuss-how-the-inflation-reduction-act-will-lower-costs-for-nevadans>
 - Office of Governor Ron DeSantis (Press Release): Governor Ron DeSantis Announces Lawsuit Against Biden Administration's Reckless Delay of Canadian Prescription Drug Importation Program -
<https://www.flgov.com/2022/08/31/governor-ron-desantis-announces-lawsuit-against-biden-administrations-reckless-delay-of-canadian-prescription-drug-importation-program/>
 - Bloomberg: FDA Drug Center Faces Layoff Notices If There's No User Fee Deal -
<https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RHIY69DWX2UD>
 - NBC News: Florida sues FDA over 'delay' of low-cost drug imports -
<https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/florida-sues-fda-delay-low-cost-drug-importations-rcna45737>
 - Law360: Inflation Reduction Act Paves Way For Drug Pricing Reform -
<https://www.law360.com/health/articles/1526055/inflation-reduction-act-paves-way-for-drug-pricing-reform>
 - Becker's Hospital Review: 3 patient groups sue US over drug copay assistance rule -
<https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/legal-regulatory-issues/3-patient-groups-sue-us-over-drug-copay-assistance-rule.html>
- Nurse staffing
 - No new items
- Colon cancer-related items

- MedPage Today: Ultra-Processed Foods Linked to Colorectal Cancer Risk, CV Death - <https://www.medpagetoday.com/gastroenterology/coloncancer/100495>
- MedPage Today: Trainers May Miss More Sessile Serrated Polyps on Colonoscopy - <https://www.medpagetoday.com/gastroenterology/coloncancer/100483>
- Organ donation and transplantation items
 - Still looking for House Oversight report
 - Healio: Kidneys from deceased donors with COVID-19 do not negatively impact early patient survival - <https://www.healio.com/news/nephrology/20220831/kidneys-from-deceased-donors-with-covid19-do-not-negatively-impact-early-patient-survival>
 - Medscape: Pancreatic Cancer Elevated After Solid Organ Transplant - <https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/980032>
- Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items
 - No new items
- Physical rehabilitation
 - No new items
- Hospital and physician payment-related items
 - Bloomberg: Medicaid Proposal Seeks to Smooth Enrollment, Improve Retention - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RH10EYDWLU68>
 - Stat News: As hospitals raise their prices, U.S. workers and businesses suffer - <https://www.statnews.com/2022/08/31/hospital-rates-climb-us-workers-businesses-pay-the-price/>
 - Health Leaders: 2022 To Become 'Worst Financial Year Hospitals Have Experienced' - <https://www.healthleadersmedia.com/finance/2022-become-worst-financial-year-hospitals-have-experienced>
 - Modern Healthcare: CMS proposes big changes to Medicaid, CHIP enrollment - https://www.modernhealthcare.com/medicaid/medicaid-chip-enrollment-undergo-big-changes?utm_source=modern-healthcare-am-thursday&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20220831&utm_content=article-1-headline

- Fierce Healthcare: The Provider Relief Fund is ‘nearly exhausted.’ How has the HHS been using the billions hospitals gave back? - <https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/provider-relief-fund-nearly-exhausted-how-does-hhs-plan-use-billions-hospitals-gave-back>
- Nursing home quality initiative
 - No new items
- Health equity-related items
 - No new items