

HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: September 12, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate convenes at 3 p.m. Following leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Lara E. Montecalvo to be a U.S. circuit judge for the 1st Circuit. At 5:30, the Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Salvador Mendoza, Jr. to be a U.S. circuit judge for the 9th Circuit and on agreeing to the Schumer, D-N.Y., motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Arianna J. Freeman to be a U.S. circuit judge for the 3rd Circuit.
 - Nominations:
 - Lara E. Montecalvo to be a U.S. circuit judge for the 1st Circuit.
 - Salvador Mendoza, Jr. to be a U.S. circuit judge for the 9th Circuit.
 - Arianna J. Freeman to be a U.S. circuit judge for the 3rd Circuit.
- The House is not in session.

Health policy update:

- Drug pricing and Inflation Reduction Act-related items
 - Office of Senator Chuck Grassley (Press Release): Q&A: Community Pharmacies - <https://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/news-releases/qanda-community-pharmacies>
 - Bloomberg: Americans Give Health Care System Failing Mark: AP-NORC Poll - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RI2XDPTP3SHS>
 - Forbes: What Hath Washington Wrought: Part 3 - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/miltonezrati/2022/09/12/what-hath-washington-wrought-part-3/?sh=42b276095dee>
 - Fox News: Insulin price caps for private markets on life support with condensed Senate schedule - <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/insulin-price-caps-private-markets-life-support-condensed-senate-schedule>
 - Axios: Congress hits home stretch renewing FDA user fee programs - <https://www.axios.com/2022/09/12/fda-furloughs-without-congressional-action>
 - The Hill: The five issues that will decide the midterm elections - <https://thehill.com/homenews/administration/3635973-the-five-issues-that-will-decide-the-midterm-elections/>

- The Hill (Opinion): Health care is, once again, Democrats' key to victory -
<https://thehill.com/opinion/campaign/3638616-health-care-is-once-again-democrats-key-to-victory/>
- Inside Health Policy: FDA 'Vigorously Opposes' Short-Term Reauthorization Of User Fees -
<https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/fda-%E2%80%98vigorously-opposes%E2%80%99-short-term-reauthorization-user-fees>
- Nurse staffing
 - Washington Post: Largest private-sector nurses strike in U.S. history begins in Minnesota -
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2022/09/12/minnesota-nurses-strike/>
 - Forbes: Saving US Healthcare From A Disaster Worse Than Covid-19 -
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/robertpearl/2022/09/12/saving-us-healthcare-from-a-disaster-worse-than-covid-19/?sh=15cc452d5ee2>
 - Inside Health Policy: Historic Strikes Loom As Unions Decry Unsafe Work Conditions, Low Pay -
<https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/historic-strikes-loom-unions-decry-unsafe-work-conditions-low-pay>
 - McKnight's Senior Living: Nursing home sales, closures, halts to admissions come as staffing shortages continue -
<https://www.mcknightsseniorliving.com/home/news/business-daily-news/nursing-home-sales-closures-halts-to-admissions-come-as-staffing-shortages-continue/>
- Colon cancer-related items
 - Targeted Oncology: Neoadjuvant Nivolumab/Ipilimumab Shows Unprecedented Pathologic Responses in dMMR Colon Cancer -
<https://www.targetedonc.com/view/neoadjuvant-nivolumab-ipilimumab-shows-unprecedented-pathologic-responses-in-dmmr-colon-cancer>
- Organ donation and transplantation items
 - Still looking for House Oversight report
 - Axios: U.S. surpasses 1 million organ transplants as need continues to soar -
<https://www.axios.com/2022/09/09/organ-transplants-million>
- Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items

- No new items
- Physical rehabilitation
 - No new items
- Hospital and physician payment-related items
 - Bloomberg: House Agenda for the Week of Sept. 12 - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RI3C7UDWRGG4>
 - Forbes: Medicare Advantage Is A Diamond In The Government Healthcare Rough - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/sallypipes/2022/09/12/medicare-advantage-is-a-diamond-in-the-government-healthcare-rough/?sh=4f30f2fec22a>
 - Stat News: Experts urge Medicare to overhaul secretive panel that helps determine doctors' pay - <https://www.statnews.com/2022/09/12/medicare-secretive-panel-overhaul-ruc-ama/>
 - Modern Healthcare: Provider groups ask CMS to ditch ACO revenue distinctions - https://www.modernhealthcare.com/accountable-care/provider-groups-ask-cms-ditch-aco-revenue-distinctions?utm_source=modern-healthcare-am&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20220911&utm_content=article1-headline
 - Fierce Healthcare: Rural hospital shutdowns likely if Congress doesn't renew payment programs, AHA report warns - <https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/rural-hospital-shutdowns-likely-if-congress-doesnt-renew-payment-programs-aha-report>
- Nursing home quality initiative
 - MedCity News: Report: More than 11M middle-income seniors won't be able to afford long-term care by 2023 - https://medcitynews.com/2022/09/report-more-than-11m-middle-income-seniors-wont-be-able-to-afford-long-term-care-by-2033/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=225711982&_hsenc=p2ANqtz--d5jRmFifn7fxlD9KwZKleEfo6-pJ1_QXvgdBvHDJ2UpNH3q-jN4ERVna1yBXSsTKcRQmGoMueaT2AdAnD62Xwir3nxw&utm_content=225711982&utm_source=hs_email
- Health equity-related items

- American Medical Association: Why asking about social determinants of health is so important - <https://www.ama-assn.org/delivering-care/health-equity/why-asking-about-social-determinants-health-so-important>