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
  - 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/](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/](https://thehill.com/opinion/campaign/3638616-health-care-is-once-again-democrats-key-to-victory/)


- **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/](https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2022/09/12/minnesota-nurses-strike/)


  - **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](https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/historic-strikes-loom-unions-decry-unsafe-work-conditions-low-pay)


- **Colon cancer-related items**

- **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](https://www.axios.com/2022/09/09/organ-transplants-million)

- **Vison/dental care in Medicare-related items**
- No new items

- Physical rehabilitation
  - No new items

- Hospital and physician payment-related items

- Nursing home quality initiative

- Health equity-related items