HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: September 16, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate is not in session.
- The House convened at 9am. No votes are expected.

Health policy update:

- Drug pricing and Inflation Reduction Act-related items

- Nurse staffing

- Colon cancer-related items

- **Organ donation and transplantation items**
  - Still looking for House Oversight report
  - No new items

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

- **Physical rehabilitation**
  - No new items

- **Hospital and physician payment-related items**
  - **Bloomberg**: Hospitals Cite Financial Challenges, Seek Help From Lawmakers - [https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RI9I51DWLU68](https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RI9I51DWLU68)
  - **Modern Healthcare**: One in four hospitals won’t be charged readmissions penalties - [https://www.modernhealthcare.com/safety-quality/hospital-readmissions-penalties-2023-medicare-medicaid](https://www.modernhealthcare.com/safety-quality/hospital-readmissions-penalties-2023-medicare-medicaid)
  - **Becker’s Hospital Review**: Payers negotiate lower prices for exchange plans than commercial groups, study finds - [https://www.beckerspayer.com/payer/payers-](https://www.beckerspayer.com/payer/payers-)
• Negotiate lower prices for exchange plans than commercial groups—study finds.html

- Fierce Healthcare: 'Unsustainable' losses are forcing hospitals to make 'heart-wrenching' cuts and closures, leaders warn - https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/unsustainable-losses-are-forcing-hospitals-make-heart-wrenching-cuts-and-closures-leaders

- Nursing home quality initiative


- Health equity-related items

