HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: September 20, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate convenes at 10 a.m. Following leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Florence Y. Pan to be a U.S. circuit judge for the D.C. Circuit. At 11:30, the Senate will vote on confirmation of the Pan nomination. Following the vote, the Senate will recess until 2:15 p.m. for weekly caucus lunches. At 2:30, the Senate will vote on agreeing to the Schumer motion to invoke cloture on the resolution of ratification for a treaty (TD 117-1) relating to the "Kigali Amendment" to the Montreal Protocol.
  
  o Treaties:
    - Treaty Doc 117-1 — Amendment to Montreal Protocol ("Kigali Amendment").
  
  o Nominations:
    - Florence Y. Pan to be a U.S. circuit judge for the D.C. Circuit

- The House reconvenes at noon for legislative business. The chamber is expected to begin consideration of a bill (S 1098) that would allow borrowers to split federal student joint consolidation loans. The House is also expected to take final votes under suspension of the rules on 12 measures.
  
  o Bills:
    - HR 8453 — Upholding the Dayton Peace Agreement Through Sanctions Act
    - HR 6846 — Corruption, Overthrowing Rule of Law, and Ruining Ukraine: Putin's Trifecta (CORRUPT) Act
    - HR 7240 — READ Act Reauthorization Act
    - HR 8503 — Securing Global Telecommunications Act
    - HR 8520 — Countering Untrusted Telecommunications Abroad Act
    - HR 7338 — Russia Cryptocurrency Transparency Act
    - HR 6265 — Countering Assad's Proliferation Trafficking And Garnering Of Narcotics (CAPTAGON) Act
    - H Res 558 — A resolution urging the European Union to designate Hizballah in its entirety as a terrorist organization.
    - HR 1433 — Helen Keller National Center Reauthorization Act
    - HR 4009 — Georgetown Waterfront Enslaved Voyages Memorial Act
    - S 2490 — Blackwell School National Historic Site Act
    - HR 4358 — Little Manatee Wild and Scenic River Act
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

- Vison/dental care in Medicare-related items

- Physical rehabilitation
  - No new items

- Hospital and physician payment-related items
  - Washington Post: Democrats are pushing to avoid a Medicaid cliff for new moms - https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/09/19/democrats-are-pushing-avoid-medicaid-cliff-new-moms/

- Nursing home quality initiative
  - No new items

- Health equity-related items

- **Fierce Healthcare**: FDA plans advisory committee meeting to discuss racial bias built into pulse oximeters - [https://www.fiercebiotech.com/medtech/fda-plans-advisory-committee-meeting-discuss-racial-bias-pulse-oximeters](https://www.fiercebiotech.com/medtech/fda-plans-advisory-committee-meeting-discuss-racial-bias-pulse-oximeters)

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