HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: September 21, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

• The Senate convenes at 10 a.m. Following leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the resolution of ratification for a treaty (TD 117-1) relating to an amendment dealing with the global reduction of hydrofluorocarbons, commonly referred to as the "Kigali Amendment," to the Montreal Protocol. An afternoon vote is expected on agreeing to the resolution of ratification for TD 117-1. Cloture votes are also possible in relation to a bill (S 4822) to expand campaign finance disclosure requirements, the nomination of Amanda Bennett to be chief executive officer of the U.S. Agency for Global Media, and the nomination of Arati Prabhakar to be director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

  o Treaties:

    ▪ Treaty Doc 117-1 — Amendment to Montreal Protocol ("Kigali Amendment").

• The House reconvenes at noon for legislative business. The House is expected to begin consideration of a bill to update the Electoral Count Act (HR 8873) and complete consideration of a bill (S 1098) that would allow borrowers to split federal student joint consolidation loans.

  o Bills:

    ▪ HR 8873 — Presidential Election Reform Act
    ▪ S 1098 — Joint Consolidation Loan Separation Act

Health policy update:

• Drug pricing and Inflation Reduction Act-related items


- **Bloomberg**: Health Care Briefing: Califf Hopeful for FDA Deal as Lapse Looms - [https://www.bgon.com/next/news/RIK2D4T0G1KY](https://www.bgon.com/next/news/RIK2D4T0G1KY)


- **Bloomberg**: Bipartisan Insulin Bill Delayed to After Midterms, Senator Says - [https://www.bgon.com/next/news/RIIOLOT1UM0X](https://www.bgon.com/next/news/RIIOLOT1UM0X)


- **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**
  - **American Physical Therapy Association:** APTA Advocacy Roundup: What’s Been Passed by Congress, What’s Still on the Table - [https://www.apta.org/article/2022/09/20/federal-advocacy-roundup](https://www.apta.org/article/2022/09/20/federal-advocacy-roundup)
  
- **Hospital and physician payment-related items**
  - **Bloomberg:** At Nine Months, No Surprises Act Can Barely Crawl - [https://news.bloomberglaw.com/class-action/at-nine-months-no-surprises-act-can-barely-crawl](https://news.bloomberglaw.com/class-action/at-nine-months-no-surprises-act-can-barely-crawl)
  - **Axios:** Rural hospitals face funding cliff with $600 million on the line - [https://www.axios.com/2022/09/21/rural-hospitals-face-funding-cliff](https://www.axios.com/2022/09/21/rural-hospitals-face-funding-cliff)
  - **MedCity News:** Despite hurdles, healthcare transparency is still a noble goal — and one within our grasp - [https://medcitynews.com/2022/09/despite-hurdles-healthcare-transparency-is-still-a-noble-goal-and-one-within-our-grasp/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&hs_emailid=226759295&hs_unique_key=2ANqtz-w5rE8reMOoC3q_wCSMAC8wracInRgYoSA1YXBBiQJ9pvVLof2j2UMMAIwU7oQlvExtcFNeFBxlt41HL6rRjeDud0QQQ&utm_content=226759295&utm_source=hs_email](https://medcitynews.com/2022/09/despite-hurdles-healthcare-transparency-is-still-a-noble-goal-and-one-within-our-grasp/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&hs_emailid=226759295&hs_unique_key=2ANqtz-w5rE8reMOoC3q_wCSMAC8wracInRgYoSA1YXBBiQJ9pvVLof2j2UMMAIwU7oQlvExtcFNeFBxlt41HL6rRjeDud0QQQ&utm_content=226759295&utm_source=hs_email)


Nursing home quality initiative


Health equity-related items


Hospital merger news

