

## HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: September 23, 2022

### Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate meets in a pro-forma session.
- The House is not in session.

### Health policy update:

- Drug pricing and Inflation Reduction Act-related items
  - Bloomberg: Senators Inch Toward Deal on FDA User Fees Tied to Stopgap Bill - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RIMIS7T1UM1C>
  - Bloomberg: Health Care Briefing: Senate Nears FDA Deal to Ride on Stopgap - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RINQWRT0AFB4>
  - Forbes: Why Is Biopharma Paying 75% Of The FDA's Drug Division Budget? - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/johnlamattina/2022/09/22/why-is-biopharma-paying-75-of-the-fdas-drug-division-budget/?sh=102ab39e7480>
  - Politico: Bipartisan Drug Pricing Bill - <https://www.politico.com/newsletters/politico-pulse/2022/09/22/senate-looks-to-shore-up-mental-health-workforce-shortages-00058180>
  - The Hill: FDA user fee reauthorization added to bill to prevent government shutdown - [https://www.statnews.com/2022/09/23/drug-pricing-cancer-moonshot-white-house/?utm\\_campaign=pharmalittle&utm\\_medium=email&\\_hsmi=227063796&\\_hsenc=p2ANqtz-scB50eFcxtZPE7yDANNM4v8k0DpuVPT-CI6VD\\_47JS449JQyVGDwpjeTQLI\\_tlbQ7YBGTaYdrpbP03\\_5UTYf-BVWhAw&utm\\_content=227063796&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://www.statnews.com/2022/09/23/drug-pricing-cancer-moonshot-white-house/?utm_campaign=pharmalittle&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=227063796&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-scB50eFcxtZPE7yDANNM4v8k0DpuVPT-CI6VD_47JS449JQyVGDwpjeTQLI_tlbQ7YBGTaYdrpbP03_5UTYf-BVWhAw&utm_content=227063796&utm_source=hs_email)
  - Axios: House GOP eyes repeal of Dems' drug pricing law - <https://www.axios.com/2022/09/23/gop-drug-price-repeal-target>
  - Stat News: Inflation caused another big drop in net drug prices, analysis finds - <https://www.statnews.com/pharmalot/2022/09/23/inflation-pharmaceuticals-wholesale-humira-hiv-oncology/>
  - Stat News: White House pitches drug pricing reforms as a way to extend cancer patients' lives - [https://www.statnews.com/2022/09/23/drug-pricing-cancer-moonshot-white-house/?utm\\_campaign=pharmalittle&utm\\_medium=email&\\_hsmi=227063796&\\_hsenc=p2ANqtz-scB50eFcxtZPE7yDANNM4v8k0DpuVPT-](https://www.statnews.com/2022/09/23/drug-pricing-cancer-moonshot-white-house/?utm_campaign=pharmalittle&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=227063796&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-scB50eFcxtZPE7yDANNM4v8k0DpuVPT-)

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- Nurse staffing
  - Inside Health Policy: Senate Finance Mental Health Task Force Releases Workforce Reforms - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/senate-finance-mental-health-task-force-releases-workforce-reforms>
  - McKnight's Senior Living: Two-thirds of nurses likely to leave profession within 2 years: survey - <https://www.mcknightsseniorliving.com/home/news/business-daily-news/two-thirds-of-nurses-likely-to-leave-profession-within-2-years-survey/>
  - Health Exec: Nursing job gap expected to reach 2.1 million - <https://healthexec.com/topics/healthcare-management/healthcare-economics/nursing-job-gap-expected-reach-21-million>
- Colon cancer-related items
  - No new 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
  - American Hospital Association: AHA, AMA to file amicus brief in Texas challenge to IDR provision of August surprise billing rule - <https://www.aha.org/news/headline/2022-09-22-aha-ama-file-amicus-brief-texas-challenge-idr-provision-august-surprise>
  - Inside Health Policy: House GOP Includes Medicare Reform In Agenda Ahead Of Midterms - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/house-gop-includes-medicare-reform-agenda-ahead-midterms>

- Health Leaders: No Surprises Act Could Lead To Uptick In Emergency Department Visits - <https://www.healthleadersmedia.com/revenue-cycle/no-surprises-act-could-lead-uptick-emergency-department-visits>
- Modern Healthcare: Texas Medical Association files another surprise billing lawsuit - [https://www.modernhealthcare.com/legal/surprise-billing-lawsuit-texas-doctors?utm\\_source=modern-healthcare-am-friday&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=20220922&utm\\_content=article2-headline](https://www.modernhealthcare.com/legal/surprise-billing-lawsuit-texas-doctors?utm_source=modern-healthcare-am-friday&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20220922&utm_content=article2-headline)
- Becker's Hospital Review: 5 ways Medicare's proposed cuts will affect physicians in 2023 - <https://www.beckersasc.com/asc-news/5-ways-medicare-s-proposed-cuts-will-affect-physicians-in-2023.html>
- Nursing home quality initiative
  - McKnight's Senior Living: Provider groups look to shape regulations after funding victories - <https://www.mcknights.com/news/provider-groups-look-to-shape-regulations-after-funding-victories/>
- Health equity-related items
  - No new items
- Hospital merger news
  - MedCity News: M&A mania: Employers are concerned about constant healthcare consolidation, expert says - [https://medcitynews.com/2022/09/ma-mania-employers-concerned-about-constant-healthcare-consolidation-expert-says/?utm\\_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm\\_medium=email&hsmi=227053705&hsenc=p2ANqtz--4FbHRkOH\\_IXhmWdqITUoYIW63PDiYUs6IT5SkuOAogOvbLCKRF\\_qvHDjzlfxG0opuwxpjrFz0JmWbqgC6We-RZ1qnHA&utm\\_content=227053705&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://medcitynews.com/2022/09/ma-mania-employers-concerned-about-constant-healthcare-consolidation-expert-says/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&hsmi=227053705&hsenc=p2ANqtz--4FbHRkOH_IXhmWdqITUoYIW63PDiYUs6IT5SkuOAogOvbLCKRF_qvHDjzlfxG0opuwxpjrFz0JmWbqgC6We-RZ1qnHA&utm_content=227053705&utm_source=hs_email)
  - MedCity News: Judge OKs vertical merger despite rare challenge from DOJ to prevent "anticompetitive" practices - [https://medcitynews.com/2022/09/judge-oks-vertical-merger-despite-rare-challenge-from-doj-to-prevent-anticompetitive-practices/?utm\\_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm\\_medium=email&hsmi=227053705&hsenc=p2ANqtz-8tE6k6zAwwTYTKg49LNctBEaRNgNVzJ3\\_tAcD89IVQOjoV\\_Z\\_I1YH-zufkqOJiM5-1d2MajcnkxT3My5SY9-JPgWoog&utm\\_content=227053705&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://medcitynews.com/2022/09/judge-oks-vertical-merger-despite-rare-challenge-from-doj-to-prevent-anticompetitive-practices/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&hsmi=227053705&hsenc=p2ANqtz-8tE6k6zAwwTYTKg49LNctBEaRNgNVzJ3_tAcD89IVQOjoV_Z_I1YH-zufkqOJiM5-1d2MajcnkxT3My5SY9-JPgWoog&utm_content=227053705&utm_source=hs_email)