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
  - 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-__scB50eFctxZPE7yDANNM4v8k0DpuVPT-Ci6VD_47JS449JQyVGDwpjeTQLI_tlbQ7YBGTaYdrgbP03_5UTYf-BVWhAw&utm_content=227063796&utm_source=hs_email
  - 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-__scB50eFctxZPE7yDANNM4v8k0DpuVPT-
• Nurse staffing

• Colon cancer-related items
  o No new items

• Organ donation and transplantation items
  o Still looking for House Oversight report
  o No new items

• Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items
  o No new items

• Physical rehabilitation
  o No new items

• Hospital and physician payment-related items
- **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](https://www.healthleadersmedia.com/revenue-cycle/no-surprises-act-could-lead-uptick-emergency-department-visits)


- **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](https://www.beckersasc.com/asc-news/5-ways-medicare-s-proposed-cuts-will-affect-physicians-in-2023.html)

- **Nursing home quality initiative**
  - **McKintosh 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/](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/mania-employers-concerned-about-constant-healthcare-consolidation-expert-says/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&hsmi=227053705&hsenc=p2ANqtz-4FbHRkOH_lXhmWdqITUoYIv63PDIYUs6lTSkuOAogOvblCKRF_qvHdj1fxG0opuxpjFz0JmWbgC6We-RZ1qnHA&utm_content=227053705&utm_source=hs_email](https://medcitynews.com/2022/09/mania-employers-concerned-about-constant-healthcare-consolidation-expert-says/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&hsmi=227053705&hsenc=p2ANqtz-4FbHRkOH_lXhmWdqITUoYIv63PDIYUs6lTSkuOAogOvblCKRF_qvHdj1fxG0opuxpjFz0JmWbgC6We-RZ1qnHA&utm_content=227053705&utm_source=hs_email)