HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: September 26, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

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

Health policy update:

- Drug pricing and Inflation Reduction Act-related items

- Nurse staffing

- Colon cancer-related items
  - No new items

- Organ donation and transplantation items
- Still looking for House Oversight report

- EurekAlert!: Living donor transplantation offers a safe alternative for liver transplant patients - [https://www.eurekalert.org/news-releases/965672](https://www.eurekalert.org/news-releases/965672)

- Vison/dental care in Medicare-related items
  - No new items

- Physical rehabilitation
  - No new items

- Hospital and physician payment-related items
  - Bloomberg: House Republicans Playing ‘Small Ball’ on Health Care Next Year - [https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RIO89PT1UM0W](https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RIO89PT1UM0W)
• **Becker’s Hospital Review**: AMA, AHA, state medical groups sue feds — again — over surprise-billing rule - [https://www.beckerspayer.com/payer/ama-aha-state-medical-groups-sue-feds-again-over-surprise-billing-rule.html](https://www.beckerspayer.com/payer/ama-aha-state-medical-groups-sue-feds-again-over-surprise-billing-rule.html)

• **Nursing home quality initiative**


  o **Skilled Nursing News**: CDC: Some Nursing Homes Can End Indoor Mask Requirements - [https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/09/cdc-some-nursing-homes-can-end-indoor-mask-requirements/](https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/09/cdc-some-nursing-homes-can-end-indoor-mask-requirements/)

• **Health equity-related items**

  o **MedCity News**: Racial disparities in maternal health complications grew amid Covid-19, BCBS report finds - [https://medcitynews.com/2022/09/racial-disparities-in-maternal-health-complications-grew-amid-covid-19-bcbbs-report-finds/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&hsmi=227256573&hsenc=p2ANqtz_ySBLydRXYmULIlss3Qaj9_g62Q0qM6WA1hIzDq1f6cxmcFFc0sQSpMLTOD2iHSRmUvmA5YSD5oSbcleHYSbg5m-Og&utm_content=227256573&utm_source=hs_email](https://medcitynews.com/2022/09/racial-disparities-in-maternal-health-complications-grew-amid-covid-19-bcbbs-report-finds/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&hsmi=227256573&hsenc=p2ANqtz_ySBLydRXYmULIlss3Qaj9_g62Q0qM6WA1hIzDq1f6cxmcFFc0sQSpMLTOD2iHSRmUvmA5YSD5oSbcleHYSbg5m-Og&utm_content=227256573&utm_source=hs_email)

• **Hospital merger news**

  o **No new items**