

HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: September 27, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate convenes at 3 p.m. Following leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Schumer, D-N.Y., motion to proceed to the expected legislative vehicle (HR 6833) for the continuing resolution. At 5:30, the Senate will vote on agreeing to the Schumer motion to invoke cloture on the Schumer motion to proceed to HR 6833.
 - Bills:
 - HR 6833 — Expected legislative vehicle for fiscal 2023 short-term appropriations
- The House is not in session.

Health policy update:

- Drug pricing and Inflation Reduction Act-related items
 - Office of Representative Cheri Bustos (Press Release): Bustos Highlights New Cost Savings for Families in Northwest and Central Illinois - <https://bustos.house.gov/bustos-highlights-new-cost-savings-for-families-in-northwest-and-central-illinois/>
 - Bloomberg: Senators Unveil FDA User Fee Deal Without Broad Policy Changes - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RIUOD3DWX2PS>
 - Bloomberg: Health Care Briefing: Stopgap Bill Includes FDA User Fee Deal - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RIV5O9DWX2PS>
 - Stat News: Democrats concede to clean user fee agreement to fund FDA - <https://www.statnews.com/2022/09/26/democrats-concede-to-clean-user-fee-agreement-to-fund-fda/>
 - Inside Health Policy: User Fee Programs To Be Reauthorized Without Policy Riders - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/user-fee-programs-be-reauthorized-without-policy-riders>
 - RealClearPolicy: Time to Rein in the Drug-Industry Middlemen Exploiting Patients - https://www.realclearpolicy.com/articles/2022/09/27/time_to_rein_in_the_drug-industry_middlemen_exploiting_patients_855676.html
- Nurse staffing

- The Atlantic: Teachers, Nurses, and Child-Care Workers Have Had Enough - <https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2022/09/teachers-nurses-child-care-job-burnout-crisis/671563/>
- Colon cancer-related items
 - No new items
- Organ donation and transplantation items
 - Still looking for House Oversight report
 - Medical Xpress: Immune cells more susceptible to being suppressed allow acceptance of transplanted organs - <https://medicalxpress.com/news/2022-09-immune-cells-susceptible-suppressed-transplanted.html>
- Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items
 - No new items
- Physical rehabilitation
 - No new items
- Hospital and physician payment-related items
 - Bloomberg: Oncologists Push for Changes on Delayed Medicare Payment Model - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RIV3J7DWX2PS>
 - Axios: Providers hit Biden admin with new surprise billing court challenge - <https://www.axios.com/2022/09/26/surprise-billing-court-challenge-medical>
 - Inside Health Policy: CMS Reopens Comments On Trump-Era Medicaid COVID-19 MOE Rule - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/cms-reopens-comments-trump-era-medicaid-covid-19-moe-rule>
 - Fierce Healthcare: OIG finds fewer Medicare improper payments to acute care hospitals in latest audit - <https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/oig-finds-fewer-medicare-improper-payments-acute-care-hospitals-latest-audit>
- Nursing home quality initiative
 - Department of Health & Human Services (Press Release): Biden-Harris Administration Makes More Medicare Nursing Home Ownership Data Publicly Available, Improving Identification of Multiple Facilities Under Common Ownership - <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/09/26/biden-harris->

[administration-makes-more-medicare-nursing-home-ownership-data-publicly-available-improving-identification-of-multiple-facilities-under-common-ownership.html](#)

- Reuters: Supreme Court urged to preserve private suits against public nursing homes - <https://www.reuters.com/legal/government/supreme-court-urged-preserve-private-suits-against-public-nursing-homes-2022-09-26/>
- Health equity-related items
 - Fox News: HHS embraces new mission: 'Climate Change and Health Equity' - <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/hhs-embraces-new-mission-climate-change-health-equity>
- Hospital merger news
 - No new items