HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: September 6, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate convenes at 3 p.m. Following leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of John Z. Lee to be a U.S. Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit. At 5:30 p.m, the Senate will vote on agreeing to the Schumer, D-N.Y., motion to invoke cloture on the Lee nomination.
  
  o Nominations:
    
    ▪ John Z. Lee to be a U.S. Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

- The House meets in a pro-forma session.

Health policy update:

- Drug pricing and Inflation Reduction Act-related items
  


- Nurse staffing

  o NBC News: Travel nurses’ gold rush is over. Now, some are joining other nurses in leaving the professional altogether - https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/travel-nurses-gold-rush-now-are-joining-nurses-leaving-profession-alto-rcna45363


- 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
  - American Dental Association: ADA comments on CMS proposed rule to expand Medicare coverage of medically necessary conditions requiring dental services - https://www.ada.org/publications/ada-news/2022/september/ada-comments-on-cms-proposed-rule-to-cover-medicare-medically-necessary-conditions-requiring-dental

- Physical rehabilitation
  - No new items

- Hospital and physician payment-related items

- Becker’s Hospital Review: Practices see more patients, bill more after private equity acquisitions: study - https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/finance/practices-see-more-patients-bill-more-after-private-equity-acquisitions-study.html


  - Nursing home quality initiative


  - Health equity-related items

  - Axios: Some racial groups saw steeper life expectancy drops, CDC data shows - https://www.axios.com/2022/09/02/cdc-race-life-expectancy-drop

  - Stat News: Open access to research can close gaps for people with disabilities - https://www.statnews.com/2022/09/06/open-access-to-research-can-close-gaps-for-people-with-disabilities/