

HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: September 7, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate convenes at 10 a.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 7th Circuit. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m. for weekly caucus lunches. At 2:15 p.m., the Senate will vote on confirmation of the Lee nomination and agreeing to the Schumer, D-N.Y., motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Andre B. Mathis to be a U.S. circuit judge for the 6th Circuit.
 - Nominations:
 - John Z. Lee to be a U.S. circuit judge for the 7th Circuit.
 - Andre B. Mathis to be a U.S. circuit judge for the 6th Circuit.
- The House is not in session.

Health policy update:

- Drug pricing and Inflation Reduction Act-related items
 - Office of Senator Jon Tester (Press Release): In Great Falls, Tester Talks Prescription Drug Savings For Seniors In Inflation Reduction Act With Community Leaders - <https://www.testersenate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/in-great-falls-tester-talks-prescription-drug-savings-for-seniors-in-inflation-reduction-act-with-community-leaders/>
 - Washington Post: Biden touts legislative record as midterms approach - https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/biden-touts-legislative-record-as-midterms-approach/2022/09/06/e092c272-2e26-11ed-bcc6-0874b26ae296_story.html
 - Modern Healthcare: Medicare plans must update marketing materials to comply with new law - <https://www.modernhealthcare.com/medicare/medicare-plans-must-update-materials-comply-new-law>
 - Law360: The FTC And DOJ Are Rewriting The Rules - <https://www.law360.com/mergersacquisitions/articles/1527798/the-ftp-and-doj-are-rewriting-the-rules>
 - Biopharma Dive: Can biosimilars, after years of limited impact, finally make a mark in the US? - <https://www.biopharmadive.com/news/biosimilars-drug-prices-market-cancer-humira/631186/>

- Becker's Hospital Review: Physician viewpoint: Cheaper insulin could cost people's lives - <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/pharmacy/physician-viewpoint-cheaper-insulin-could-cost-people-s-lives.html>
- Nurse staffing
 - Inside Health Policy: CMS Asks How To Improve Equity, Workforce; Cut Reg Burdens Post PHE - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/cms-asks-how-improve-equity-workforce-cut-reg-burdens-post-phe>
 - MedCity News: Conversational AI helps alleviate impact of nurse shortages - https://medcitynews.com/2022/09/conversational-ai-helps-alleviate-impact-of-nurse-shortages/?utm_campaign=MCN%20Daily%20Top%20Stories&utm_medium=email&hsmi=225252619&hsenc=p2ANqtz-8iLuCNjkQFhlwqeseFC1vAxKURYIS0hR1_h2DklhxptC-VUVJY0vNKTd3y57lmW40_BsYoYKJGftnkZTNNV2t-jTMQQ&utm_content=225252619&utm_source=hs_email
 - Health Digest: Why The U.S. May Find Itself With A Worse Nursing Shortage Than Ever Post-COVID - <https://www.healthdigest.com/995114/why-the-u-s-may-find-itself-with-a-worse-nursing-shortage-than-ever-post-covid/>
- Colon cancer-related items
 - RevCycleIntelligence: Uninsurance, Medicaid Coverage Could Delay Colon Cancer Diagnosis - <https://healthpayerintelligence.com/news/uninsurance-medicaid-coverage-could-delay-colon-cancer-diagnosis>
- Organ donation and transplantation items
 - Still looking for House Oversight report
 - RevCycleIntelligence: OIG Calls On HRSA to Improve Data Security of Organ Transplant Network - <https://healthitsecurity.com/news/oig-calls-on-hrsa-to-improve-data-security-of-organ-transplant-network>
- Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items
 - Becker's Hospital Review: ADA responds to CMS' proposed Medicare dental rule: 9 things to know - <https://www.beckersdental.com/clinical-leadership-infection-control/39278-ada-responds-to-cms-proposed-medicare-dental-rule-9-things-to-know.html>
- Physical rehabilitation

- No new items
- Hospital and physician payment-related items
 - American Hospital Association: AHA Comments on the CMS' Physician Fee Schedule Proposed Rule for Calendar Year 2023 - <https://www.aha.org/lettercomment/2022-09-06-aha-comments-cms-physician-fee-schedule-proposed-rule-calendar-year-2023>
 - Inside Health Policy: MedPAC Eyes Recommending Hospital Wage Index Reforms - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/medpac-eyes-recommending-hospital-wage-index-reforms>
 - Modern Healthcare: Medicaid extensions for new moms grow, may run into limits - https://www.modernhealthcare.com/medicaid/medicaid-extensions-new-moms-grow-may-run-limits?utm_source=modern-healthcare-am-wednesday&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20220906&utm_content=article4-headline
 - Fierce Healthcare: Congress is back. Here are the 4 things to watch out for, from postponing pay cuts to mental health reform - <https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/congress-back-here-are-4-things-watch-out-postponing-pay-cuts-mental-health-reform>
 - Becker's Hospital Review: Group asks Congress for greater support of rural hospitals - <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/finance/group-asks-congress-for-greater-support-of-rural-hospitals.html>
 - Becker's Hospital Review: Physicians urge CMS to boost 2023 conversion factor, expand certain telehealth services - <https://www.beckersasc.com/asc-news/physicians-urge-cms-to-boost-2023-conversion-factor-expand-certain-telehealth-services.html>
- Nursing home quality initiative
 - No new items
- Health equity-related items
 - No new items