HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: September 8, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate convened at 10 a.m. Following leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Andre B. Mathis to be a U.S. circuit judge for the 6th Circuit. At 11:30, the Senate will vote on confirmation of the Mathis nomination. At 1:45 p.m., the Senate will vote on agreeing to the Schumer, D-N.Y., motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Salvador Mendoza, Jr. to be a U.S. circuit judge for the 9th Circuit.
  
  - Nominations:
    - Andre B. Mathis to be a U.S. circuit judge for the 6th Circuit.
    - Salvador Mendoza, Jr. to be a U.S. circuit judge for the 9th Circuit.
  
- The House is not in session.

Health policy update:

- Drug pricing and Inflation Reduction Act-related items
  
  
  
  
- Nurse staffing
  
  
• McKnights Senior Living: $1.2 billion healthcare worker bonus program targets employee retention - https://www.mcknightsseniorliving.com/home/news/1-2-billion-healthcare-worker-bonus-program-targets-employee-retention/

• Colon cancer-related items
  o Fierce Healthcare: ESMO: Mirati plays the hits, posting colorectal KRAS data that mirror results reported to fanfare last year - https://www.fiercebiotech.com/biotech/esmo-mirati-plays-hits-posting-colorectal-kras-data-mirror-results-reported-fanfare-21

• 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

• Hospital and physician payment-related items
  o Bloomberg: Employer Group Touts ‘Playbook,’ Data to Broker Hospital Prices - https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RHU0MT0AFB4
• **Health Leaders:** These 4 Steps Are Key To A Successful Value-Based Payment Strategy - [https://www.healthleadersmedia.com/finance/these-4-steps-are-key-successful-value-based-payment-strategy](https://www.healthleadersmedia.com/finance/these-4-steps-are-key-successful-value-based-payment-strategy)

• **Inside Health Policy:** Biden Calls For Medicare, Medicaid Riders To Continuing Resolution - [https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/biden-calls-medicare-medicaid-riders-continuing-resolution](https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/biden-calls-medicare-medicaid-riders-continuing-resolution)


• **Fierce Healthcare:** Consumers say they are willing to pay more for healthcare services based on these factors, survey finds - [https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/heres-what-healthcare-consumers-say-theyre-willing-pay-more](https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/heres-what-healthcare-consumers-say-theyre-willing-pay-more)

• **Nursing home quality initiative**

• **Skilled Nursing News:** Congresswoman Schakowsky: We Are Setting the Stage for ‘Essential’ Nursing Home Ownership Disclosures - [https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/09/congresswoman-schakowsky-we-are-setting-the-stage-for-essential-nursing-home-ownership-disclosures/?euid=e0557ca2d3&utm_source=snn-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=11796c1ada&mc_cid=11796c1ada&mc_eid=e0557ca2d3](https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/09/congresswoman-schakowsky-we-are-setting-the-stage-for-essential-nursing-home-ownership-disclosures/?euid=e0557ca2d3&utm_source=snn-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=11796c1ada&mc_cid=11796c1ada&mc_eid=e0557ca2d3)

• **Health equity-related items**

• **Politico:** Urban Medicare patients were more likely than rural ones to use telehealth during pandemic’s first year - [https://subscriber.politicopro.com/article/2022/09/urban-medicare-patients-were-more-likely-than-rural-ones-to-use-telehealth-during-pandemics-first-year-00055287](https://subscriber.politicopro.com/article/2022/09/urban-medicare-patients-were-more-likely-than-rural-ones-to-use-telehealth-during-pandemics-first-year-00055287)

• **STI-related items**