

## HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: September 6, 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
  - Washington Post: Insulin Spending Caps Won't Work. Here's a Better Idea - [https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/insulin-spending-caps-wont-work-heres-a-better-idea/2022/09/09/232c45ac-3040-11ed-bcc6-0874b26ae296\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/insulin-spending-caps-wont-work-heres-a-better-idea/2022/09/09/232c45ac-3040-11ed-bcc6-0874b26ae296_story.html)
  - Bloomberg: Senators Press to Extend Cap on Insulin Price in Bill This Month - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RHWPF8DWRGG0>
  - Bloomberg: Health Care Briefing: Senators Seek Broader Insulin Price Cap - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RHXTJIT1UM0X>
  - USA Today: Organ transplant milestone: As US crosses 1 million mark, advances offer hope for millions more - <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/health/2022/09/09/us-reaches-1-million-organ-transplant-milestone-advances-continue/7937831001/?gnt-cfr=1>
  - Physician's Weekly: Organ Transplants Are Up, but the Agency in Charge Is Under Fire - <https://www.physiciansweekly.com/organ-transplants-are-up-but-the-agency-in-charge-is-under-fire/>
- Hospital and physician payment-related items
  - American Hospital Association: Congress Urged to Update Medicare Laboratory Payment System - <https://www.aha.org/lettercomment/2022-09-08-congress-urged-update-medicare-laboratory-payment-system>
  - Wall Street Journal: Affordable Care Act Health-Plan Premiums Set to Rise - [https://www.wsj.com/articles/affordable-care-act-health-plan-premiums-set-to-rise-11662671934?mod=hp\\_lead\\_pos3](https://www.wsj.com/articles/affordable-care-act-health-plan-premiums-set-to-rise-11662671934?mod=hp_lead_pos3)
  - Kaiser Health News: Hospitals Divert Primary Care Patients To Health Center 'Look-Alikes' to Boost Finances - <https://khn.org/news/article/hospitals-divert-primary-care-patients-health-center-look-alikes/>

- Health Leaders: Rural Hospitals Facing Multiple Rising Financial Pressures - <https://www.healthleadersmedia.com/strategy/rural-hospitals-facing-multiple-rising-financial-pressures>
- Health Leaders: Associations Comment On MPFS Proposed Rule, Urge Immediate Changes - <https://www.healthleadersmedia.com/revenue-cycle/associations-comment-mpfs-proposed-rule-urge-immediate-changes>
- Inside Health Policy: House Lawmakers Want Feedback On How To Revamp MACRA - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/house-lawmakers-want-feedback-how-revamp-macra>
- Inside Health Policy: Dem Senators To AHIP: Ensure Plans Cover PrEP, Related Services - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/dems-senators-ahip-ensure-plans-cover-prep-related-services>
- Becker's Hospital Review: American Medical Group Association urges Congress to block 10% Medicare cuts - <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/finance/american-medical-group-association-urges-congress-to-block-10-medicare-cuts.html>
- Fierce Healthcare: ACOs fret over losing dependable MACRA bonus after this year - <https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/acos-fret-over-losing-dependable-macra-bonus-after-year>
- Nursing home quality initiative
  - Bloomberg: Biden Agencies Press Nursing Homes on Debt Collection Practices - <https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RHWBGLTOG1KW>