HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: August 23, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

• The Senate meets in a pro-forma session.
• The House meets in a pro-forma session.

Health policy update:

• Drug pricing and Inflation Reduction Act-related items

• Nurse staffing
  o Skilled Nursing News: CMS: Medicaid Funding a ‘Key Lever’ to Improving Nursing Home Quality, Staffing - https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/08/cms-medicaid-funding-a-key-lever-to-improving-nursing-home-quality-staffing/?euid=e0557ca2d3&utm_source=snn-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=a1cc82dbc1&mc_cid=a1cc82dbc1&mc_eid=e0557ca2d3
  o Inside Health Policy: Stakeholders Clash Over Minimum Staffing Levels For Nursing Homes - https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/stakeholders-clash-over-minimum-staffing-levels-nursing-homes
• McKnights Senior Living: CMS outlines 4-pronged minimum staffing study - https://www.mcknights.com/news/cms-outlines-4-pronged-minimum-staffing-study/

• Colon cancer-related items

• 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
  o No new items

• Hospital and physician payment-related items
• Nursing home quality initiative
  
  o Bloomberg: State Medicaid Programs Pushed on Nursing Home Quality, Safety - https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RH0YP0DWL68
  
  o McKnight's Senior Living: Feds' antipsychotics program fails to reduce prescriptions in assisted living - https://www.mcknight's.com/news/clinical-news/feds-antipsychotics-program-fails-to-reduce-prescriptions-in-assisted-living/

• Health equity-related items
  
  o No new items