

HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: JUNE 24, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

- The Senate meets in a pro-forma session.
- The House reconvened at 9 a.m. for legislative business. The chamber is expected to consider a bill (HR 4176) that would require the federal government to collect information about sexual orientation and gender identity in certain surveys.
 - Bills:
 - HR 4176 — LGBTQI+ Data Inclusion Act

Health policy update:

- BBB drug pricing and drug price negotiation items
 - The Hill: Collins faces uphill battle to win GOP support for insulin cost bill - <https://thehill.com/policy/3535086-collins-faces-uphill-battle-to-win-gop-support-for-insulin-cost-bill/>
 - The Hill (Opinion): Senate must use reconciliation to bring down drug costs, invest in home care - <https://thehill.com/opinion/congress-blog/3534930-senate-must-use-reconciliation-to-bring-down-drug-costs-invest-in-home-care/>
 - Modern Healthcare: Retail pharmacies look to disrupt clinical trial - https://www.modernhealthcare.com/clinical/retail-pharmacies-look-disrupt-clinical-trials?utm_source=modern-healthcare-am-friday&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20220623&utm_content=article2-headline
 - Pink Sheet: Senate Insulin Bill Focuses On List Prices With Carrot For Manufacturers, Stick For PBMs - <https://pink.pharmaintelligence.informa.com/PS146386/Senate-Insulin-Bill-Focuses-On-List-Prices-With-Carrot-For-Manufacturers-Stick-For-PBMs>
 - National Law Review: Federal Trade Commission's Focus on Pharmacy Benefit Managers - <https://www.natlawreview.com/article/federal-trade-commission-s-focus-pharmacy-benefit-managers>
- Nurse staffing
 - Skilled Nursing News: Nursing Homes Fill the Skills Gap Left By Training Shortfalls, Accelerated Programs -

<https://skillednursingnews.com/2022/06/nursing-homes-fill-the-skills-gap-left-by-training-shortfalls-accelerated-programs/>

- Forbes: Three Creative Strategies To Address The Healthcare Labor Shortage - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/forbesbusinesscouncil/2022/06/24/three-creative-strategies-to-address-the-healthcare-labor-shortage/?sh=56ae927f6634>
- STIs
 - No new items
- Colon cancer-related items
 - No new items
- Organ donation and transplantation items
 - Still looking for House Oversight report
 - Laboratory Equipment: Organ Storage a Step Closer with Cryopreservation Discovery - <https://www.laboratoryequipment.com/587577-Organ-Storage-a-Step-Closer-with-Cryopreservation-Discovery/>
- Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items
 - No new items
- Physical rehabilitation
 - No new items
- Hospital and physician payment-related items
 - American Hospital Association: AHA to Congress: Urge CMS to fix inadequate inpatient proposal - <https://www.aha.org/news/headline/2022-06-23-aha-congress-urge-cms-fix-inadequate-inpatient-payment-proposal-ly-reflect>
 - Politico: Dems weigh new plan to defuse Obamacare subsidy bomb - <https://www.politico.com/news/2022/06/24/obamacare-subsidies-congress-democrats-00042171>
 - Inside Health Policy: Hoyer Says Means-Tested ACA Tax Credits Possible - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/hoyer-says-means-tested-aca-tax-credits-possible>

- Modern Healthcare: Supreme Court dialysis ruling sets stage for coverage limits - https://www.modernhealthcare.com/insurance/supreme-court-dialysis-ruling-sets-stage-coverage-limits?utm_source=modern-healthcare-am-friday&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20220623&utm_content=article1-headline
- Becker's Hospital Review: AHA to Congress: Urge CMS to fix inadequate inpatient payment proposal - <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/finance/aha-to-congress-urge-cms-to-fix-inadequate-inpatient-payment-proposal.html>
- Becker's Hospital Review: Using data to set appropriate expectations and align incentives for all CIN participants - <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/healthcare-information-technology/using-data-to-set-appropriate-expectations-and-align-incentives-for-all-cin-participants.html>
- Nursing home quality initiative
 - McKnights Senior Living: Providing palliative care to wider group of people, including assisted living residents, gains bipartisan support - <https://www.mcknightsseniorliving.com/home/news/providing-palliative-care-to-wider-group-of-people-including-assisted-living-residents-gains-bipartisan-support/>
 - Home Health Care News: Former CMS Administrator Predicts Dire Near-Term Outlook for Home Health Industry - <https://homehealthcarenews.com/2022/06/former-cms-administrator-predicts-dire-near-term-outlook-for-home-health-industry/>