

HEALTH POLICY UPDATE: JUNE 28, 2022

Congressional Schedule:

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

Health policy update:

- BBB drug pricing and drug price negotiation items
 - Politico: Top Biden officials press insurers on contraceptive coverage - <https://www.politico.com/news/2022/06/27/biden-officials-insurers-contraceptive-coverage-00042542>
 - The Hill: Biden officials press insurers on free contraception coverage - <https://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/3538672-biden-officials-press-insurers-on-free-contraception-coverage/>
 - Forbes: Why Won't Congress Do What Mark Cuban Is Doing For Affordable Drug Prices? - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/eriksherman/2022/06/27/why-wont-congress-do-what-mark-cuban-is-doing-for-affordable-drug-prices/?sh=54312357703b>
 - Inside Health Policy: FDA Says Rx-To-OTC Proposal May Cut Costs, Boost Options For Patients - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/fda-says-rx-otc-proposal-may-cut-costs-boost-options-patients>
 - Pink Sheet: PDUFA Collections Exceeded Target In FY 2021, While GDUFA Fell Short - <https://pink.pharmaintelligence.informa.com/PS146288/PDUFA-Collections-Exceeded-Target-In-FY-2021-While-GDUFA-Fell-Short>
 - Healthcare Finance News: HHS, Labor and Treasury put insurers on notice about ACA contraception coverage - <https://www.healthcarefinancenews.com/news/hhs-labor-and-treasury-put-insurers-notice-about-contraception-coverage-under-aca>
- Nurse staffing
 - American Hospital Association: How Some Hospitals Are Grappling with the Workforce Shortage - <https://www.aha.org/aha-center-health-innovation-market-scan/2022-06-28-how-some-hospitals-are-grappling-workforce>

- Becker's Hospital Review: Digital platform for temporary healthcare workers lands \$105M - <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/digital-health/digital-platform-for-temporary-healthcare-workers-lands-105m.html>
- Becker's ASC Review: How the nursing shortage is affecting ASCs and medical practices - <https://www.beckersasc.com/asc-news/how-the-nursing-shortage-is-affecting-asc-and-medical-practices.html>
- STIs
 - Pharmaceutical Technology: WHO's new hepatitis C guidelines a step forward in reaching those in need - <https://www.pharmaceutical-technology.com/news/whos-new-hepatitis-c-guidelines-a-step-forward-in-reaching-those-in-need/>
- Colon cancer-related items
 - Medical Dialogues: New Blood Test May Identify Which Colon Cancer Patients Need Chemotherapy - <https://medicaldialogues.in/oncology/news/new-blood-test-may-identify-which-colon-cancer-patients-need-chemotherapy-95130>
- Organ donation and transplantation items
 - Still looking for House Oversight report
 - Healthline: Physicians Transplant Kidneys into Children Without Immune Suppressing Drugs - <https://www.healthline.com/health-news/physicians-transplant-kidneys-into-children-without-immune-suppressing-drugs>
 - Healio: Transplantation within 7 days of listing boosts survival in acute-on-chronic liver failure - <https://www.healio.com/news/gastroenterology/20220627/transplantation-within-7-days-of-listing-boosts-survival-in-acuteonchronic-liver-failure>
- Vision/dental care in Medicare-related items
 - Nasdaq: Future Retirees Are at Risk of a \$361,000 mistake - <https://www.nasdaq.com/articles/future-retirees-are-at-risk-of-a-%24361000-mistake>
- Physical rehabilitation
 - Washington Post: Easing your chronic back pain — with and without medication - <https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2022/06/27/back-pain-treatment-options/>

- Hospital and physician payment-related items
 - Washington Post (Opinion): Joe Manchin is quietly pushing Democrats into another catastrophe - <https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2022/06/27/manchin-obamacare-subsidies-catastrophe/>
 - Inside Health Policy: CMMI Lays Out New Cancer Care Model To Replace OCM - <https://insidehealthpolicy.com/daily-news/cmmi-lays-out-new-cancer-care-model-replace-ocm>
 - Modern Healthcare: CMS to begin new oncology payment model - https://www.modernhealthcare.com/policy/cms-begin-new-oncology-payment-model?utm_source=modern-healthcare-amtuesday&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20220627&utm_content=article1-headline
 - RevCycleIntelligence: CMS Releases FAQ for No Surprises Act Implementation Requirements - <https://revcycleintelligence.com/news/cms-releases-faq-for-no-surprises-act-implementation-requirements>
 - Fierce Healthcare: HHS seeks feedback on strategies to bolster primary care - <https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/providers/hhs-seeks-feedback-strategies-bolster-primary-care>
 - MedCity News: Flawed design is why hospitals are not complying with price transparency rules - <https://medcitynews.com/2022/06/flawed-design-is-why-hospitals-are-not-complying-with-price-transparency-rules>
 - Pharmacy Practice News: Proposed Payment Rules for FY 2023 - <https://www.pharmacypracticenews.com/Policy/Article/06-22/Proposed-Payment-Rules-for-FY-2023/67212>

- Nursing home quality initiative
 - No new items