



## **Key Healthcare Oversight Priorities 118<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Based on public statements by current or would-be Committee chairs, below are our predictions for congressional oversight for next Congress.

- **Public Health & COVID Response**
  - COVID-19 origins and federal funds supporting research done at Wuhan Institute of Virology
  - COVID-19 relief funding oversight - waste, fraud and abuse
  - CDC programs, funding, and response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including data gaps and pandemic-era guidance and requirements
  - Nursing homes and facility responses to COVID-19 and beyond
- **Health Care Affordability**
  - Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) and their role in drug pricing
  - Implementation of IRA (specifically Medicare's ability to negotiate for lower drug prices)
  - Executive Order on Drug Pricing instructing CMMI to implement a new model focused on reducing drug prices
  - Site-neutral reimbursement in Medicare for services and prescription drugs
  - Transparency into how much hospitals are charging, an effort which has been bipartisan; and continued expansion of price transparency efforts
  - Health care consolidation and market concentration
- **Other Biden Administration Initiatives**
  - ACA Family Glitch Rule
  - Medicaid program integrity and unwinding process
  - Substance use disorder response, including the increasing rate of deaths from fentanyl
  - Section 1557 and nondiscrimination rules
  - Title X grants, abortion policy, and transgender care
  - Baby Formula shortages and FDA's response