



## **H.R. 4313, the *Hospital Inpatient Services Modernization Act***

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### **Background:**

- In 2020, the Trump Administration expanded at-home services for Medicare patients, including through providing inpatient hospital care in the home through the Acute Hospital-at-Home Initiative (HaH).
- HaH allows hospitals to provide inpatient level care to seniors in the **comfort of their homes** rather than in a hospital.
  - **400+** hospitals in **39** states participate in HaH.
  - **99%** of patients were “satisfied” or “very satisfied” with HaH.
- HaH has been shown to help patients through **lower rates of discharge to institutional post-acute care** like skilled nursing, and lower rates of emergency department visits.
- HaH programs have been shown to **reduce the use of costly lab tests, imaging, and specialty consults**, leading to significantly lower costs.
- By helping hospitals avoid the need for brick-and-mortar expansion, one health system freed up **33,000 hospital bed days** by caring for more than **9,400 patients** in the home.
- In testimony before the Ways and Means Committee, a HaH patient from a rural village in North Carolina shared how the HaH program allowed him to recovery from sepsis comfortably at home, while reducing drive time for his family visitors.
- The HaH waiver expires at the end of September 2025, which means that Medicare will no longer pay for seniors to receive inpatient care in the home.

### **The Hospital Inpatient Services Modernization Act:**

- Preserves Medicare patients’ access to vital HaH services **through 2030**.
- Includes a comprehensive study of HaH to measure the program’s cost and quality relative to in-hospital inpatient care, giving Congress important data to inform the future of HaH.