

HOSPITAL AT HOME

The Acute Care Hospital at Home (H@H) program allows qualifying hospitals to provide services to certain patients at home that are similar to those provided inpatient, such as physician visits and monitoring, prescribing and administering drugs, nursing services, and diagnostics and imaging. Several Florida hospitals have been approved for HAH and are receiving Medicare reimbursement:

- Cleveland Clinic – Cleveland Clinic Hospital, Martin North, Indian River
- Health First – Palm Bay, Holmes Regional, Viera, Cape Canaveral
- Keralty Hospital
- Mayo Clinic Florida
- Orlando Health – Orlando Regional, Arnold Palmer, South
- Tampa General Hospital

Hospital at home is associated with improved health care outcomes and higher patient satisfaction.

Government Actions

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services initially authorized H@H as part of the flexibilities allowed under the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE). Congress extended this authority through December 2024 via the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023. The Secretary of Health and Human Services is to conduct a study comparing the quality and quantity of services and clinical conditions of patients served

Additionally, the Florida legislature passed regulation changes to assist hospitals in providing hospital at home care in Florida. SB 1222 (2022) permits Emergency Medical Technicians to assist in the provision of nonemergent acute care in the patient's home.

Authority Needed for H@H in Medicaid

Florida should be leading the nation on hospital at home care. Key to accomplishing this is paving the way for hospital at home care in the Medicaid program. The state of Florida should require AHCA to provide Medicaid reimbursement at inpatient rates for hospital at home care.

Sample Budget Language

Seek proviso to direct the Agency for Health Care Administration to seek "federal authority" to implement HAH in Medicaid. For example:

The Agency shall implement the Acute Care Hospital at Home program as authorized under the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act. The Agency is authorized to apply Medicaid reimbursement to the Hospital at Home program and to make rules to implement the program.

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