

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 4350

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend acute hospital care at home waiver flexibilities.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 15, 2024

Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. TILLIS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Hospital Inpatient
5 Services Modernization Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENDING ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME**
7 **WAIVER FLEXIBILITIES.**

8 Section 1866G of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
9 1395cc–7) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “2024” and
2 inserting “2029”; and

3 (2) in subsection (b)—

4 (A) in the heading, by striking “STUDY
5 AND REPORT” and inserting “STUDIES AND
6 REPORTS”; and

7 (B) in paragraph (1)—

8 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
9 graph (A), by striking “The Secretary”
10 and inserting “Not later than September
11 30, 2024, and again not later than Sep-
12 tember 30, 2028, the Secretary”;

13 (ii) in subparagraph (B)—

14 (I) in clause (iv), by striking
15 “and” at the end;

16 (II) in clause (v), by striking the
17 period and inserting “; and”; and

18 (III) by adding at the end the
19 following new clause:

20 “(vi) in the case of the second study
21 conducted under this paragraph, the qual-
22 ity of care, outcomes, costs, quantity and
23 intensity of services, and other relevant
24 metrics between individuals who entered
25 into the Acute Hospital Care at Home ini-

1 tiative directly from an emergency depart-
2 ment compared with individuals who en-
3 tered into the Acute Hospital Care at
4 Home initiative directly from an existing
5 inpatient stay in a hospital.”; and

6 (C) in paragraph (2)—

7 (i) in the header, by striking “RE-
8 PORT” and inserting “REPORTS”; and

9 (ii) by inserting “and again not later
10 than September 30, 2028,” after “2024,”;
11 and

12 (iii) by striking “on the study con-
13 ducted under paragraph (1).” and insert-
14 ing the following: “on—

15 “(A) with respect to the first report sub-
16 mitted under this paragraph, the first study
17 conducted under paragraph (1); and

18 “(B) with respect to the second report sub-
19 mitted under this paragraph, the second study
20 conducted under paragraph (1).”.

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