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AN ACT

AMENDING LAWS 2021, CHAPTER 320, SECTION 22; RELATING TO THE ACUTE CARE AT HOME PILOT PROGRAM.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Laws 2021, chapter 320, section 22 is amended to read:
3 Sec. 22. Department of health services; acute care services
4 at home; pilot program; delayed repeal
5 A. On or before the earlier of thirty days after the effective date
6 of this section or September 1, 2021, the department of health services
7 shall develop a three-year pilot program that allows the delivery of acute
8 care services to patients in the patient's home by licensed hospitals in
9 this state. The department may waive rules necessary to implement the
10 requirements of the pilot program. The pilot program shall be designed in
11 a manner and in coordination with the acute care at home program
12 authorized by the centers for medicare and medicaid services.
13 B. In collaboration with interested hospitals in this state, the
14 department shall determine:
15 1. The criteria necessary for a licensed hospital to be eligible
16 for the pilot program. Eligible hospitals must demonstrate the required
17 in-person and telehealth equipment necessary to provide acute in-home
18 services.
19 2. The protocols for eligible hospitals to determine patient
20 eligibility in the program.
21 3. The protocols for health care services to be provided by or
22 under the direction of eligible hospitals to patients in the program.
23 C. Hospitals participating in the pilot program may use applicable
24 protocols determined by the department to set:
25 1. The patient eligibility criteria.
26 2. The categories of licensed health care providers that may be
27 used.
28 3. The services that may be outsourced by the hospital.
29 4. The health care services to be provided by or under the
30 direction of the hospital, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE SERVICES OF MOBILE HEALTH
31 PRACTITIONERS.
32 D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE PILOT PROGRAM, A MOBILE HEALTH
33 PRACTITIONER:
34 1. MUST HAVE AT LEAST TWO YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS A PARAMEDIC AND BE
35 CERTIFIED IN COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE BY A RECOGNIZED CERTIFYING BODY BEFORE
36 JANUARY 1, 2023.
37 2. BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023, MUST HAVE AT LEAST TWO YEARS OF
38 EXPERIENCE AS A PARAMEDIC AND BE CERTIFIED IN COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE BY A
39 RECOGNIZED CERTIFYING BODY BEFORE BEING EMPLOYED AS A MOBILE HEALTH
40 PRACTITIONER.
41 3. MUST PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SERVICES UNDER THE SUPERVISION AND
42 DELEGATION OF A PHYSICIAN WHO IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO TITLE 32, CHAPTER 13
43 OR 17, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AND WHO WORKS FOR THE AMBULANCE SERVICE
44 THAT EMPLOYS THE MOBILE HEALTH PRACTITIONER AND IS PERFORMING SERVICES FOR
45 THE HOSPITAL. THE SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DIRECTING AND

1 REVIEWING THE HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE MOBILE
2 HEALTH PRACTITIONER. A MOBILE HEALTH PRACTITIONER'S SCOPE OF PRACTICE IS
3 THAT WHICH IS DELEGATED TO THE MOBILE HEALTH PRACTITIONER BY THE
4 SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN. IF THE PILOT PROGRAM REQUIRES IN-PERSON VISITS, A
5 MOBILE HEALTH PRACTITIONER MAY PROVIDE ONE OR MORE OF THOSE VISITS, WHICH
6 MAY REPLACE ANY REQUIRED IN-PERSON NURSE VISIT.

7 E. ANY REQUIRED NURSE VISITS UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM MAY BE VIRTUAL
8 OR IN PERSON.

9 ~~F.~~ F. The Arizona state board of pharmacy may waive rules
10 necessary to implement the requirements of the pilot program.

11 ~~F.~~ G. Hospitals participating in the pilot program shall:

12 1. Report patient progress and program quality outcomes as required
13 by the department.

14 2. Comply with any reporting requirements established by the
15 Arizona state board of pharmacy for purposes of the pilot program.

16 ~~F.~~ H. This section is repealed ~~and~~ FROM and after December 31,
17 2024.