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acute care services; pilot program

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# HOUSE BILL 2042

AN ACT

AMENDING LAWS 2021, CHAPTER 320, SECTION 22, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 2022,  
CHAPTER 140, SECTION 1; 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, as amended by Laws  
3 2022, chapter 140, section 1, is amended to read:

4 Sec. 22. Department of health services; acute care services  
5 at home; pilot program; delayed repeal

6 A. On or before the earlier of thirty days after the effective date  
7 of this section or September 1, 2021, the department of health services  
8 shall develop a three-year pilot program that allows the delivery of acute  
9 care services to patients in the patient's home by licensed hospitals in  
10 this state. The department may waive rules necessary to implement the  
11 requirements of the pilot program. The pilot program shall be designed in  
12 a manner and in coordination with the acute care at home program  
13 authorized by the centers for medicare and medicaid services.

14 B. In collaboration with interested hospitals in this state, the  
15 department shall determine:

16 1. The criteria necessary for a licensed hospital to be eligible  
17 for the pilot program. Eligible hospitals must demonstrate the required  
18 in-person and telehealth equipment necessary to provide acute in-home  
19 services.

20 2. The protocols for eligible hospitals to determine patient  
21 eligibility in the program.

22 3. The protocols for health care services to be provided by or  
23 under the direction of eligible hospitals to patients in the program.

24 C. Hospitals participating in the pilot program may use applicable  
25 protocols determined by the department to set:

26 1. The patient eligibility criteria.

27 2. The categories of licensed health care providers that may be  
28 used.

29 3. The services that may be outsourced by the hospital.

30 4. The health care services to be provided by or under the  
31 direction of the hospital, which may at the option of the hospital include  
32 services of mobile paramedics.

33 D. For the purposes of the pilot program, a mobile paramedic:

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 paramedic.

40 3. Must provide health care services under the supervision and  
41 delegation of a physician who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 13  
42 or 17, Arizona Revised Statutes, and who works for the ambulance service  
43 that employs the mobile paramedic and is performing services for the  
44 hospital. The supervising physician is responsible for directing and  
45 reviewing the health care services and other activities of the mobile

1 paramedic. A mobile paramedic's scope of practice is that which is  
2 delegated to the mobile paramedic by the supervising physician. A mobile  
3 paramedic may provide one or both of the twice-daily onsite patient  
4 assessment visits required pursuant to the pilot program, which may  
5 replace one or both of the required twice-daily onsite patient assessment  
6 visits by a registered nurse or advanced practice provider.

7 E. Nursing or other health care services provided pursuant to the  
8 pilot program, other than the twice-daily onsite patient assessment  
9 visits, may be virtual or in person.

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

12 G. Hospitals participating in the pilot program shall:

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

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

17 H. This section is repealed from and after December 31, ~~2024~~ 2026.