

2022 Year-in-Review

Since its official launch in March 2021, Moving Health Home (MHH) has made significant progress in accomplishing our founding goals, including:

- Breaking down federal and state legal barriers to care in the home;
- Educating policymakers about new clinical models involving the home;
- Advocating for new payment models that focus on risk-sharing and incentives for in home care and population health management;
- Engaging incumbent fee-for-service providers about ways to maximize their services in patients' homes; and
- Producing and present research and evidence on care in the home.

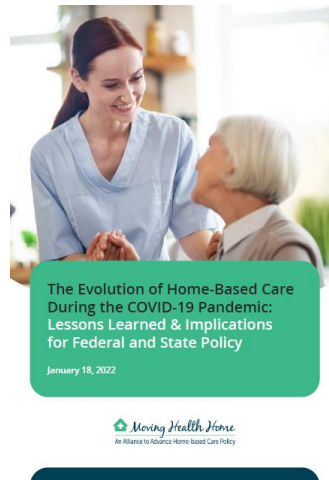
We appreciate the engagement of our members in helping us drive this meaningful work forward. The following is a summary of our top activities and accomplishments in 2022 in support of these goals.

Maximizing Visibility and Recognition of Issues Around Care in the Home

We have raised the profile of clinical care in the home through several efforts, including press activity, speaking engagements, policy development, relationship building, and engagement with both Congress and the Executive Branch.

Conditioning the Policy Environment Through Targeted Public Relation Efforts

- With the support of Avalere Health, MHH released a [white paper](#) that explores the transformation that home-based care has undergone during the pandemic. Insights and findings from this report are based on in-depth interviews conducted by Avalere Health and MHH with leaders from member organizations (*DispatchHealth, Advocate Aurora Health, Landmark Health, and Ascension*) that have either based or adapted their clinical and business models to serve patients in their homes.
 - In addition, MHH [hosted a webinar](#) focused on the publication of the white paper, which received press coverage and was widely attended.



down regulatory and statutory barriers restricting patients from choosing care at home. State and federal policymakers will need to implement permanent flexibilities and programs that build on the lessons learned from the temporary waivers of the Public Health Emergency (PHE).”



Health care at home became a reality during the pandemic, now we need to keep the door open



- This year, MHH committed to co-chair the 2023 National Advanced Health Care at Home Summit, a leading forum on Hospital at Home and other home-based models. Media Partners include Harvard Health Policy Review, Health Affairs, and Inside Health Policy. The Summit will be on May 16 to 19, 2023.
- In June, MHH, along with *Signify Health*, *Intermountain*, and *Vituity*, sponsored an event with Becker’s Hospital Review, [The Shift to Digital Virtual: Telehealth, Home Health, and Virtual Care](#). The event was widely attended, nearly 250 live participants during MHH’s panel, and produced press articles including a [recap published in Becker’s](#).
- In November, MHH [launched a patient stories landing page](#) to spotlight the countless patients benefiting from innovative home-based care delivery models.
- MHH continues to identify additional opportunities for public-facing activities, including a film that will demonstrate and visualize the capabilities of care in the home from across the continuum. The intended audience will be policymakers, and the video will address policy barriers to further adoption of home-based care.

Leading the Conversation on Clinical Care in the Home

- In 2022, MHH was regularly quoted in major DC and national publications – often setting the stage for the growing momentum for care in the home. Publications included mentions in POLITICO, Forbes, STAT News, Home Health Care News, McKnight’s Senior Living, Fierce Healthcare, Becker’s Hospital Review, and Modern Healthcare.

- Early this year, MHH was honored to be named as one of the [top notable innovative initiatives](#) of 2021 by Becker’s Hospital Review.



- In addition to other webinars mentioned in the above section, MHH hosted policy-oriented sessions focused on priority areas, for example:
 - [In-Home Care is Here to Stay: How Medicare Advantage is Innovating to Meet Beneficiaries Where They Are](#)
 - On August 11, the Better Medicare Alliance and Moving Health Home convened a joint webinar to discuss the value, barriers, and future of in-home care in Medicare Advantage.

○ **Virtual Hill Briefing – Hospital at Home: A View from Across the Health Care Industry**

- On September 13, MHH hosted a webinar to hear from policymakers and health care organizations from across the industry with the common goal of ensuring Hospital at Home is a widely available option for patients.

- MHH staff were also honored to speak and represent at several prominent events and podcasts this year, including [Home Health Care News' Capital + Strategy Event](#), AARP Roundtable on Hospital at Home, [Becker's Hospital Review](#), [McKnight's Home Care](#), [Telehealth Academy](#), [AHCA/NCAL](#), and more.

- The Coalition's efforts [were spotlighted in the INFUSION Magazine](#), the official publication of the National Home Infusion Association (NHIA), reaching key decision makers within the home and specialty infusion market.



- MHH has significantly grown its twice-monthly newsletter, that includes policy developments, research, and updates on how health care organizations are striving to shift more health care delivery into the home. Today, the newsletter reaches nearly 3,000 subscribers, a 200 percent increase from last year.

Leveraged Strong Relationships with Congress & Administration Officials

- MHH has built and maintained relationships with Congress to mobilize and support our priorities, as well as general education about the benefits of care in the home. MHH staff met with House and Senate staff on nearly 100 occasions throughout the last year, including many accompanied by members.
- MHH also maintains ongoing relationships with key individuals at the White House and in the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) leadership – ensuring key priorities are considered in major Executive Orders and Rulemakings. In particular, MHH has held targeted meetings with CMS policymakers, including Dr. Meena Seshamani, M.D., Ph.D., Deputy Administrator and Director of Center for Medicare.

Strategic Partnerships

- MHH built new partnerships with trusted third parties to introduce them to our efforts and advance messages related to the value of care in the home, including patient groups, trade associations, advocacy organizations, and others. Partners helped disseminate MHH's content through newsletters, social media, and during annual events.

Selection of Key Policy Activities (Legislative and Regulatory)

Coordination with Members of Congress, in the House and Senate, to Introduce Bill to Extend the Acute Hospital Care at Home Waiver

- Early on, MHH established Hospital at Home as a key policy objective, including ensuring temporary extension of the Hospitals Without Walls and Acute Hospital Care at Home (AHCAH) waivers.
- In 2021, we focused primarily on policy development but started to lay the groundwork for the extension of the Acute Hospital Care at Home waiver.
- In March 2022, MHH was successful in coordinating with Senators Tom Carper (D-DE) and Tim Scott (R-SC) and Representatives Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) and Brad Wenstrup (R-OH) to introduce the Hospital Inpatient Services Modernization Act (H.R.7053/S.3792). The Hospital Inpatient Services Modernization Act will establish a two-year extension of the AHCAH waiver triggered by the end of the PHE.
- MHH played a leadership role in two letters to congressional leadership calling on Congress to extend the Acute Hospital Care at Home waiver, the [first](#) in January and the [other](#) at the time of introduction in March.



Bill Introduced in Senate and House to Create the Path to Retain Patient Access to Acute Care at Home

The Hospital Inpatient Services Modernization Act ([S. 3792/H.R. 7053](#)) would extend the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Acute Hospital Care at Home waiver for two years after the public health emergency. In our press release, Krista Drobac, the founder of MHH, states:

*"Many seniors needing acute-level care, and their caregivers, have been able to receive services at home during the pandemic. Temporarily extending the AHCAH program will allow for additional **data collection** and **inform lessons learned**, as well as provide the necessary time for a legislative process to **establish a permanent Acute Care at Home program** for Medicare patients."*

Press Coverage: [Modern Healthcare](#), [McKnight's Home Care](#), [mHealth Intelligence](#), [HomeCare Magazine](#), [Home Health Care News](#), [Health Exec](#)

Successful Lobbying Strategy Resulted in Passage of Two-Year Hospital at Home Extension

- After introduction of the two-year waiver extension bill, MHH staff developed a comprehensive lobbying strategy aimed at passing the bill before the end of the PHE. MHH's efforts were successful in passing the two-year Hospital at Home waiver extension as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023.
- MHH built strong relationships with the bill sponsors and routinely engaged to support them throughout the legislative process.
- Committees of health jurisdiction, including Senate Finance, House Ways and Means, and House Energy and Commerce, are critical decisionmakers. MHH developed relationships with staff on each committee of health jurisdiction to ensure support for the extension bill, including providing resources, answering questions, engaging with the Congressional Budget Office, and more. MHH staff met with committee staff on 25 occasions over the last year about Hospital at Home, including continued negotiations.
- MHH staff met with House and Senate staff on nearly 100 occasions throughout the last year, including many accompanied by members.
- Established an informal group of trade associations that support Hospital at Home, such as the American Hospital Association, America's Essential Hospitals, and others.

- Developed countless collateral materials, including fact sheets, analyses of participating hospitals by state/congressional district, slides, and more.
- Coordinated on letters to congressional leadership, hosted events/Hill briefings, and conducted targeted outreach to press to condition the environment.

Development of Comprehensive Long-Term Hospital at Home Strategy

- The second prong of MHH's Hospital at Home strategy is to advocate for a long-term Acute Care at Home program that builds on the waiver experience.
- Convened semi-regular Hospital at Home Workgroups to weed out the details of waivers, such as shortcomings and lessons learned, and discuss the pathway to the long-term future of Hospital at Home in Medicare.
- Developed a permanent Medicare Acute Care in the Home, including legislative language, that builds on lessons learned during the pandemic and adds other innovative design elements.
- Consulted with countless external stakeholders to ensure alignment and feasibility of efforts.
- Met with CMS Innovation Center staff to discuss their exploration into Hospital at Home.
- Executed modeling of the payment provisions and mechanisms included in the permanent Medicare Acute Care at Home legislation.
- Engaged with committee staff and Hospital at Home champions to build the foundation for the long-term solution.

Supported the Fight Against Cuts to Home Health Services

- In July 2022, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services proposed a 4.2 percent cut (\$810 million) to home health services, the underpinning of home-based services in Medicare. These include in-home services such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, medical supplies, skilled nursing, and more.
- MHH acted quickly to support our home health partners in fighting against these drastic cuts to Medicare home health. Our position is that Medicare and other payers need to be building on that foundation, not chipping away at it, to achieve a broader set of home-based care options for patients, which provide them and their families with better outcomes, better quality of life, sustained independence, and lower costs.
- Our efforts included an [op-ed](#) in *STAT News* criticizing the Administration, [regulatory comments](#) advocating for another solution, and engagement with political appointees at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

- MHH was pleased to see an aggregate increase (\$125 million) in home health payment in the 2023 final rule. While it does not keep up with the rate of inflation, it is far better than the proposed cut that MHH fought against. To us, this means the foundation of health care at home remains intact.

Support and Engagement on the Choose Home Care Act

- In coordination with MHH home health members, MHH supported ongoing efforts to move the [Choose Home Care Act](#) forward in Congress.
- MHH staff met regularly with the National Association for Home Care and Partnership for Quality Home Healthcare to receive updates and track Choose Home’s movement.
- Submitted a [letter of support](#) after Senate introduction, developed [policy documents](#), and promoted the Act on social media.
- Continued engagement with congressional staff to express MHH’s support for Choose Home and address any reservations.

Development of Expanding Care in the Home Catch-all Messaging Legislation

- MHH initiated an Expanding Care in the Home Workgroup which designed an omnibus “messaging” legislative package. It is designed similar to the Chronic Care Act of 2018 or the CONNECT for Health Act, which were catch-all bills that served to raise the profile of a larger overall problem. Pieces of each of these bills have been pulled out and passed and we intend for our legislative package to provide similar opportunities to advance our policy priorities.
- MHH is focused on addressing existing barriers to providing care in the home to Medicare beneficiaries. This year, MHH staff drafted language focused on expanding home-based access to primary care, infusion, dialysis, emergency medical services, personal care services, labs, and diagnostics. The legislation also aims to strengthen the home-based care workforce.
- We worked with Rep. Adrian Smith (R-NE) as the sponsor to produce formal legislative text and prepare for introduction early next Congress. If not Chair of House Ways and Means, Rep. Adrian Smith (R-NE) is likely to be the next Chair of the House Ways and Means Health Subcommittee.
- We are also in talks with offices to launch a Care in the Home Caucus next Congress to be build the roster of members that support and champion home-based initiatives.

Explored State Arm to Combat Policy Barriers at the State-Level

- While federal policy related to care models and reimbursement is essential to realizing the potential of care in the home, state governments have enormous influence over the elements that make it possible. From licensing, scope of practice, supervision requirements, certificate of need and facilities regulation, state laws are a major barrier to our efforts.

- This last year, MHH explored launching a state arm to tackle these issues. We ultimately decided to prolong until more federal policy shifts, but we continue to consider action to combat state-level barriers. MHH is prepared to launch a state arm when the time is ripe and member interest is there.

MHH Submits Comments Eight Regulatory Rules and Congressional Requests for Information

- In addition to our legislative priorities, MHH has worked to move various regulatory priorities forward in advocacy targeted at the Administration and areas where Congress could act. In total, MHH commented on eight regulatory rules and congressional requests for information (RFI), including:
 - **[Response to CMS RFI on Medicare Advantage](#)** – MHH submitted comments to the CMS request for information to inform potential future rulemaking on various aspects of the Medicare Advantage program. MHH focused on how CMS, through its existing authority, could encourage home-based care through MA network adequacy standards. MHH expressed that CMS has an opportunity to better incentivize clinical care in the home by going beyond existing standards.
 - **[Response to RFI on Primary Care](#)** – MHH responded to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) RFI on the initiative to strengthen primary health care. MHH highlighted policy solutions to expand and improve primary care through home-based options.
 - **[Response to the Calendar Year \(CY\) 2023 Home Health Proposed Payment Rule](#)** – MHH submitted comments to the CMS proposed rule for the CY 2023 Home Health Prospective Payment System. MHH addressed CMS’ proposed cut of 4.2 percent to home health providers, which threatened our collective mission to achieve a broader set of home-based care options for patients.
 - **[Response to Medicare Advantage Advance Notice and Medicare Advantage and Part D Proposed Rule for CY 2023](#)** – In the two responses, MHH focused on how CMS, through its existing authority, could encourage home-based care through the Medicare Advantage network adequacy standards.
 - **[Response to the CY 2023 Proposed Physician Fee Schedule](#)** - MHH submitted comments to the CMS rule for the CY 2023 Physician Fee Schedule. In the response, MHH urge CMS to recognize the high value of domiciliary and home visit evaluation and management (E/M) codes in the same manner as other facility-based E/M codes. MHH voiced support for CMS’ policy to increase payment for in-home COVID-19 vaccine administration. However, CMS previously was exploring other vaccines - beyond COVID vaccines - that should be eligible for reimbursement in the home and receive an add-on payment. We were disappointed not to see additional information collection opportunities or policy proposals in the proposed rule to move those efforts forward.
 - **[Response to CY 2023 End-Stage Renal Disease \(ESRD\) Proposed Payment Rule](#)** – In our response to the ESRD proposed rule we advocated for CMS to allow for Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) patients to receive hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis at home, when medically

appropriate and preferred by the patient. In addition, we ask that CMS reimburse for home training for patients.

- **Response to the Congressional RFI on Medicare Payment System** - MHH responded to the congressional RFI on Medicare Payment System. Specifically, MHH expressed the value of the home as the future of care delivery, which has been revitalized by growth in value-based care and alternative payment models. When models of care make the provider accountable for the quality and total cost of care, we see more care delivered in the home and community because providers understand that it is the better site of care for the patient. MHH asked Congress to seek new opportunities to drive more value-based care to better enable in-home care as part of the next steps of their legislative workstream.

Attachment: Selection of Press Coverage

In total, MHH received nearly 50 unique press mentions in well-respected publications, ranging from national news, association or trade outlets, DC-beltway publications, and top health care news sites. Below is a selection of some of those press hits.

Fierce Healthcare: 2022 forecast: 7 predictions for what lies ahead for health equity (12/22) - Current Health is a member of **Moving Health Home**, a collaboration between stakeholders advocating for policies that enable at-home care for all. What's really needed for home-care success are better payment models, and McCann expects to see a lot of focus on that area from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and commercial payers as well. Hospitals that work with Current Health are also working on broadening payer relationships in order to expand access to care at home.

HealthLeaders: 6 Best Reimbursement Stories of 2021 (12/20) - Amazon Care aims to strengthen in-home care by linking on-site and virtual services. It includes independent pilots as well as a multi-partner **Moving Home Health** coalition that is "dedicated to advancing home-based care policies and reimbursement models." The company's home-delivery prescription business is growing as well, including with payers who have spoken on background with HealthLeaders regarding their Amazon contracts.

Healthcare Finance: Healthcare groups urge Congress to extend Acute Hospital Care at Home waiver (1/25) - This week, **Moving Health Home**, a coalition of healthcare organizations advocating for improved access to home-based care, sent a letter to congressional leadership requesting that Congress extend the Acute Hospital Care at Home (AHCAH) waiver. The letter collected signatures from 48 stakeholder organizations, including health systems, home health agencies, value-based care companies, non-profit entities and home infusion groups, among others. According to the groups that signed the letter, temporarily extending the AHCAH program will allow for additional data collection and inform lessons learned, as well as provide the necessary time for a legislative process to establish a permanent Acute Care at Home program for Medicare patients.

Health Evolution: Consumers, coalitions are driving the push to bring health care services to the home (1/26) - Major payers, providers, retail giants, health IT companies, and other organizations within the home-based health care industry are racing to broaden their offerings in the burgeoning space. At the center of this trend are consumers. More and more patients who would rather receive hospital-level care at home than in the hospital. According to a survey from **Moving Health Home (MHH)**, a coalition of health care organizations advocating for improved access to home-based care, 73 percent of adults are confident in the quality of care they would receive in the home. The overwhelming majority of people who have received home-based care were satisfied (88 percent) and would be likely to recommend to family and friends (85 percent).

Healthcare Innovation: Stakeholders Urge Congress to Extend Hospital at Home Waiver (2/23) - **Moving Health Home**, a coalition of healthcare organizations advocating for improved access to home-based care, recently sent a letter to congressional leaders requesting an extension of two years. The letter collected signatures from 48 stakeholder organizations, including health systems, home health agencies, value-based care companies, nonprofit entities, home infusion groups, and more. The uncertainty about when

the waiver will end creates barriers to entry for new participants, the organization said. Health systems and providers have concerns with making significant investments in home-based care models if the program may abruptly end.

Modern Healthcare: Providers push for payment parity for hospital-at-home programs (2/22) - Many are hoping that a clear sign from CMS will spur change, which is why nearly 50 healthcare organizations, including large health systems like CommonSpirit Health, Ochsner Health and Hackensack Meridian Health, wrote a letter to congressional members advocating for an extension of the hospital-at-home waiver for Medicare beneficiaries. They aim to guarantee payment parity across traditional inpatient and hospital-at-home settings beyond the COVID-19 public health emergency. Paying hospitals the same rate was the right decision, as COVID-19 overwhelmed hospitals and limited access, said Jeremiah McCoy, a spokesperson for **Moving Health Home**, the coalition of healthcare companies pushing for the extension. But that is not sustainable and they are advocating for a permanent expansion of the waiver that incorporates lessons learned during the pandemic, he said.

Home Health Care News: Why Political Roadblocks Threaten Home Health Care's Biggest Policy Objectives in 2022 (2/21) - A handful of senators have already drafted legislation to extend [the Acute Hospital Care at Home waiver]. The Washington, D.C.-based **Moving Health Home** is an advocacy organization that vies for favorable legislation for home-focused health care providers. "Legislative language is already drafted," Armstrong said during the panel discussion. "What we're hearing is that there's widespread, bipartisan support. The biggest pushback we're hearing from the Hill offices has to do more with the data coming out of the program, which they view as limited."

Infusion Magazine: Consumers are Beginning to See What's Possible: Data and Policy Objectives for Expanding Clinical Services in the Home (Jan/Feb 2022) - "A few months into the pandemic it was very evident that there was an interest for more clinical care in the home that was separate and apart from telehealth," says Jeremiah McCoy, Director of Policy & Government Relations at **Moving Health Home (MHH)**, a coalition of stakeholders working to change federal and state policy to enable the home to be a clinical site of care that commissioned the national consumer survey. MHH's members are diverse, representing providers of services such as in-home dialysis, labs and diagnostics, nursing and personal care and home infusion as well as primary care, large integrated health systems, and even in-home urgent care. "We saw the growth and momentum in telehealth and realized there was a gap in more clinical care in the home," McCoy explains. "Our mission is to break down barriers and change policies that are biased toward facility-based care to expand the option for all patients to receive clinical services in the home."

U.S. News: The Post-Pandemic Role of Virtual Care (3/9) - To that end, a group of providers that includes Intermountain Healthcare, Ascension and Amazon Care recently formed a coalition — called **Moving Health Home** — to advocate for policy changes to designate the home as a site of clinical care. Members argue that advances in medical record-sharing, remote monitoring technologies and digital therapeutics have made it possible to deliver even acute care in the home in many cases. Salt Lake City-based Intermountain, for example, treats patients at home with everything from heart failure to some types of cancer with a combination of technology and visits from an interdisciplinary caregiving team.

Home Health Care News: Key Barriers Could Limit Adoption of Home-Based Care Models (3/9) - Despite that positive movement in the home-based care market, a few key barriers could limit broader adoption and growth in the sector, experts caution. Some of those barriers include an uncertain regulatory environment in a post-COVID-19 world, overly restrictive requirements for hospital-at-home programs and significant variability in requirements for providers across state lines. [That's according to a recent report](#) from **Moving Health Home**, a coalition of home-focused health care organizations.

mHealth Intelligence: Remote Patient Monitoring Program Effective in Treating COVID-19 (3/29) - As RPM and telehealth gained popularity during the COVID-19 pandemic, coalitions and advocacy groups emerged to ensure continued access to these care modalities. In March 2021, **Moving Health Home** was formed, boasting prestigious health systems and companies like Intermountain Healthcare and Amazon care among its membership. "The COVID-19 pandemic exposed the untapped potential of home-based clinical care and the opportunity for a more robust set of services ranging from primary care to hospital-level treatment," the group said in a [press release](#).

Home Health Care News: Nearing Regulatory Cliff, Hospital-at-Home Stakeholders Throw Support Behind Waiver Extension (3/21) - The introduction of the legislation is one of the first "big steps" in working on getting an extension of the Acute Hospital Care at Home waiver, Jeremiah McCoy, director of policy and government relations at **Moving Health Home**, told HHCN. Although McCoy notes that the Acute Hospital Care at Home waiver has received less attention than some of the other PHE flexibilities, such as telehealth, he believes there is bipartisan support for the waiver across Capitol Hill.

Home Health Care News: HHS Renews Public Health Emergency, Keeping Key Home Health Waivers in Place (4/13) - The legislation would also require the CMS to establish uniform health and safety requirements for program participants within a year of its enactment. "We've been putting health systems that are actually providing hospital-at-home services through the waiver in front of Hill staff to build that support," Jeremiah McCoy, director of policy and government relations at **Moving Health Home**, previously told HHCN. "There's a lot of education that needs to happen with Hill staff. We are working to make sure they know about the waiver, where the benefits are, the impacts on cost, quality, patient satisfaction and health equity."

Home Health Care News: Despite Strong Bipartisan Support, Choose Home Facing Roadblocks (4/7) - NAHC, LeadingAge, Allies for Independence and **Moving Health Home** – the relatively new home care coalition whose founding members include Amazon Care and multiple health systems – are among other organizations behind Choose Home. The National Council on Aging, the Council of State Home Care & Hospice Associations and the Forum of State Associations, a division of NAHC, support the bill as well.

Becker's Hospital Review: How Intermountain, Ascension and Amazon Care coalition is advocating for permanent hospital-at-home care (4/5) - Nathan Starr, DO, medical director for home services at MHH member Intermountain Healthcare in Salt Lake City, spoke to *Becker's Hospital Review* about how and why the Moving Health Home coalition is advocating for care in the home.

Home Health Care News: The Power of 'Higher-Level' Home-Based Care Research (5/16) - Various coalitions have been launched over the last couple of years in order to vie for better home-based care legislation in Washington, D.C. There's also **Moving Health Home**, which vies for home-based care

generally and includes providers across the spectrum – from home care and home health providers, to even companies like Amazon (Nasdaq: AMZN).

HIT Consultant: Is It Finally Time for Hospital-at-Home or is Time Up? (5/31) - The pace of growth [in hospital-at-home] could be threatened if CMS discontinues the waiver program, which is set to expire when the current public health emergency (PHE) expires. On April 13, President Biden extended the PHE until at least July 2022. A bipartisan bill, the Hospital Inpatient Services Modernization Act, would further extend the waivers for another two years. Advocacy groups, including Advanced Care at Home Coalition and **Moving Health Home**, along with organizations including the American Hospital Association, are lobbying for a more permanent solution.

Home Health Care News: A ‘Persistence of Patient Harm’: Hospital Failures Highlight Need for Home-Based Care Investments (5/30) - A [May OIG report](#) suggests that policymakers consider a more permanent replacement for facility-based care alternatives, ensuring that hospital-at-home programs can continue thriving moving forward. That’s something hospital-at-home stakeholders are certainly pushing for, specifically in the form of the Hospital Inpatient Services Modernization Act. “There’s a lot of interest and support for the waiver,” Jeremiah McCoy, director of policy and government relations at **Moving Health Home**, previously told HHCN. “We just need to continue to build on that and make sure that the Hill is hearing what everyone’s saying, not only for what the opportunity has been during the pandemic, but what this means for a future iteration of the acute care home model in Medicare.”

AJMC: Whether Hospital Care at Home Continues When Pandemic Emergency Ends Is Up to Congress (8/12) - When the pandemic public health emergency eventually ends, so will the various waivers and regulatory flexibilities enacted by HHS during the COVID-19 pandemic, including the ability to provide acute hospital care at home, unless Congress acts. A survey conducted last year by an alliance of health care organizations, called **Moving Health Home**, formed after the temporary regulatory changes occurred, found that 73% of Democrats and 61 % of Republicans support the idea of federal policy allowing for more care delivery in the home.

Home Health Care News: How One Home Care Provider Earned 30% Rate Increases From MA Plans (8/12) – More than ever, Medicare Advantage (MA) plans are stepping up and responding to the demand for more access to care in the home setting. This, in turn, has created an avenue for home-based care providers to lean into new opportunities. “It’s very important to understand that these are not simply perks, or extras for many older adults on Medicare Advantage,” Mary Beth Donahue, the president and CEO of Better Medicare Alliance (BMA), said during a BMA and **Moving Health Home** (MHH) virtual event on Thursday. “These at-home benefits are a lifeline, enabling them to age-in-place, manage disease progression and live with dignity and independence.”

Home Health Care News: Given Regulatory Uncertainty, Hospital-At-Home Models Are Losing Momentum (9/13) - The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) gave health systems and providers the ability to take hospital at home as a concept and run with it during the public health emergency (PHE). With regulatory uncertainty moving forward, the hospital-at-home momentum has been put on pause – but not because of patient preference or provider enthusiasm. “There is over 250 hospitals and 100 health systems across 30-plus states that have now been granted CMS waivers,” Biofourmis CMO and co-founder Maulik Majmudar said on a **Moving Health Home** webinar Tuesday.

Home Health Care News: Moving Health Home Offers Solutions to CMS in Medicare Advantage Request for Information (9/9) - Home health stakeholders – and many others – recently had the opportunity to weigh in on the way Medicare Advantage (MA) is currently administered by the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The National Association for Home Care & Hospice (NAHC) and **Moving Health Home** are among the two groups that answered CMS’ request for information. The Washington, D.C.-based advocacy coalition **Moving Health Home** believes that CMS should urge MA plans to provide access to in-home care through the network adequacy standards. “CMS now provides a 10-percentage point credit towards meeting time and distance standards for affected providers in states that have certificate of need laws,” **Moving Health Home** wrote. “The telehealth and the CON credits can be combined together to reduce the percentage of beneficiaries that are within the maximum time and distance requirements. Under this option, CMS could replicate one or a combination of these policies to encourage MA plans to cover in-home services.”

Politico: Corporate America sees opportunity in health care, but needs an assist from Congress (9/25) - In-home care has surged during the COVID-19 pandemic as hospitals tried to keep more beds open by treating patients from their homes. Retail giants see it as a business opportunity. The companies think they can provide equally effective or better care in a setting patients prefer at a lower cost to their businesses. A new care model that stresses telemedicine and at-home care makes sense. Telehealth advocates want Congress to pass provisions that allow high-deductible health plans to continue to offer telehealth before customers reach their deductibles, in-home acute care and prescribing of controlled substances via telehealth.

McKnights Home Care: Extend COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) Flexibilities Beyond Spring (11/15) - **Moving Health Home** urges lawmakers to extend the Acute Hospital Care at Home program and telehealth waivers for at least another two years. “By temporarily extending the AHCAH program, acute care at home programs will have the predictability they need to maintain patient access and it will allow for additional data collection to inform policymakers on important considerations to permanently expand access to home-based care,” a **spokesman for Moving Health Home** told *McKnight’s Home Care Daily Pulse* in a statement.