

May 7, 2024

The Honorable Jason Smith Chair Ways & Means Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Richard Neal Ranking Member Ways & Means Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Smith and Ranking Member Neal:

On behalf of Moving Health Home, I am writing to share our deep appreciation for your leadership in advancing innovative, patient-focused hospital at home models of care, which we strongly believe is the future of health care. We appreciate your continued leadership to preserve access to care well in advance of the statutory deadline of December 31, 2024. We applaud the Committee for considering a five-year extension of the important Acute Hospital Care at Home (AHCAH) waiver, allowing patients needing acute-level care, and their caregivers, to continue to have access to these services in the home.

As you know, Moving Health Home convened <u>well over 65 organizations</u> in urging congressional leaders for at least a 5-year extension of the AHCAH waiver. By temporarily extending the AHCAH waiver, participating programs would have the predictability and stability they need for their patients and providers. In tandem, it will allow for additional data collection to inform Congress on important considerations to permanently expand access to home-based care.

Thanks to your leadership and support, innovative home-based care delivery models have the opportunity to continue expanding and enhancing their programs to meet patients' needs in ways that will never be possible in an institutional setting. We may now start to build the bridge from successful implementation during COVID-19 to the post-pandemic experience.

We look forward to continuing our work together to expand access to care in the home for all Americans. Thank you again for your leadership and coordination with Moving Health Home and the many likeminded stakeholders.

Sincerely,

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