

Hospital at Home Policy Ahead: The Waiver, its Extension and Beyond

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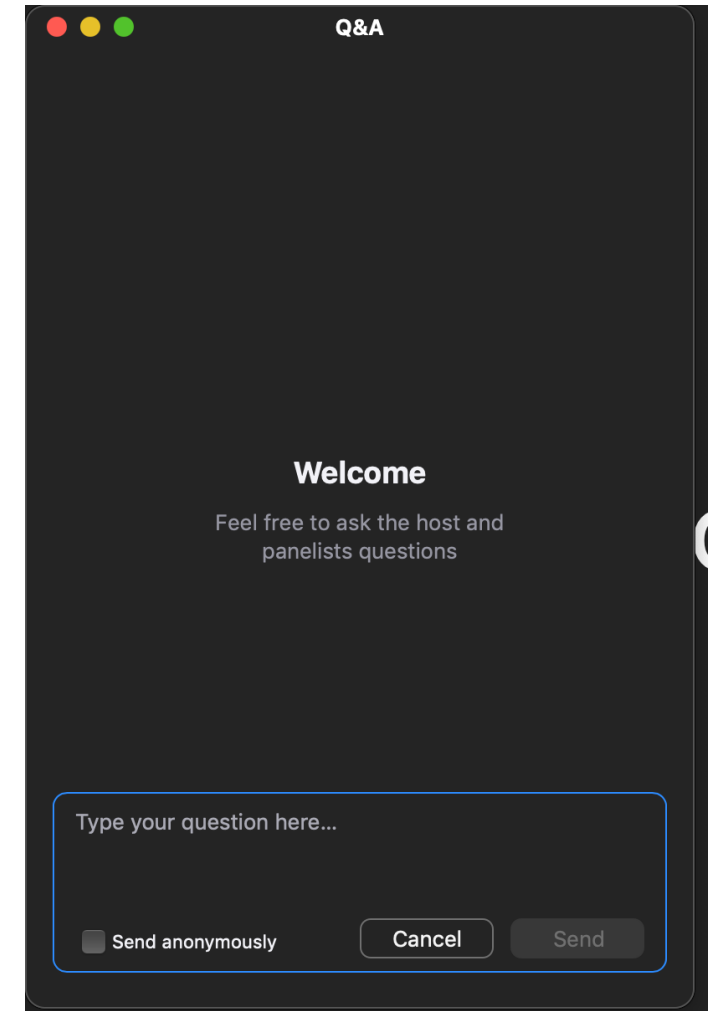
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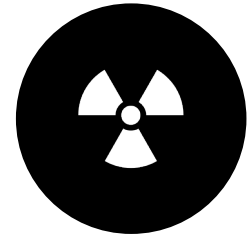
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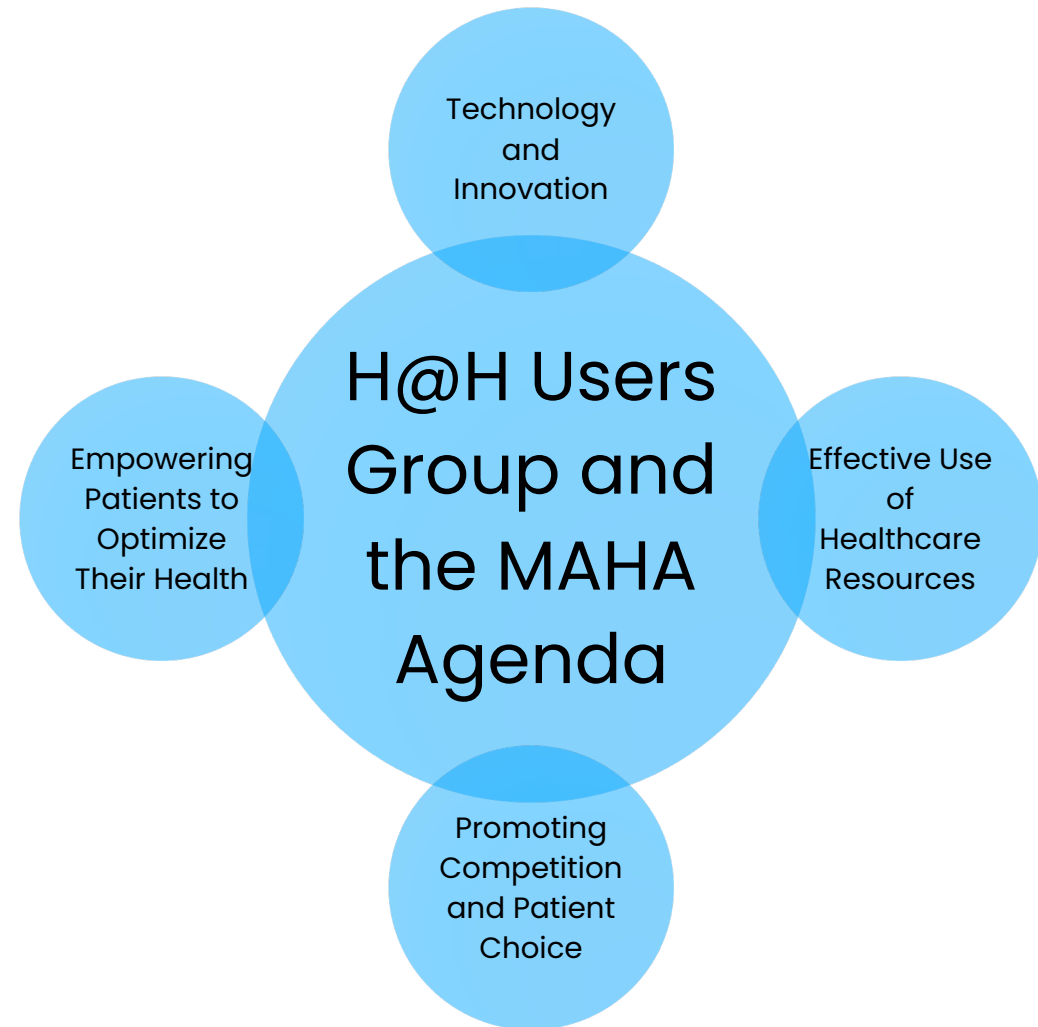
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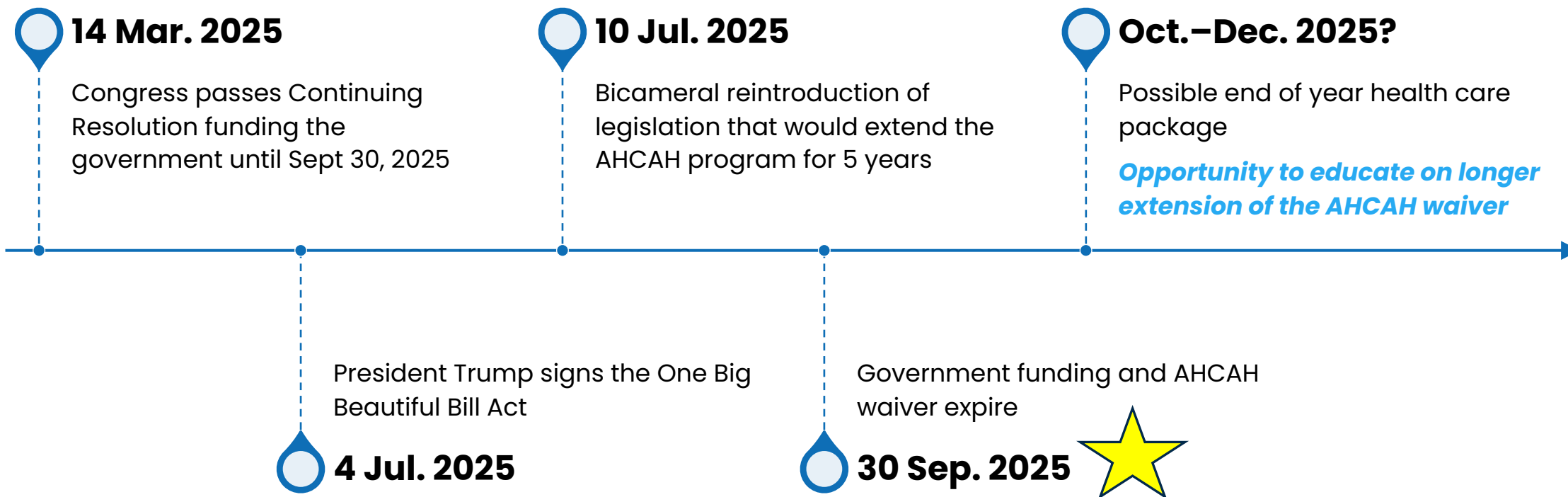
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Overlapping Priorities

Ample opportunity to educate the administration on how the Acute Hospital Care At Home program supports their goals



119th Congress





Acute Hospital Care At Home Waiver Update

AHCAH Waiver Expiration & Extension

- The AHCAH Waiver is set to expire on September 30, 2025, coinciding with the federal funding deadline.
- We expect Congress to extend the AHCAH waiver when it passes a federal funding bill or Continuing Resolution (stopgap funding).
 - **A Continuing Resolution looks increasingly likely, with an accompanying short-term AHCAH waiver extension**
- However, a government shutdown is possible



Legislative Movement

APPROPRIATIONS BILL

- Senate Appropriations Committee marked up a government funding bill on July 31, 2025
- On September 9, the House Appropriations Committee held a markup on the Fiscal Year 2026 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Bill.
- The bill will now move to the House floor for a vote.
- This bill will face challenges achieving 60 votes in the Senate, making a short-term funding extension likely.

CONTINUING RESOLUTION

- The White House has formally requested Congress enact stopgap funding through Jan 31, 2026
- Appropriations committee leaders have discussed a shorter Continuing Resolution ending in November
- Could see a compromise of stopgap funding through Dec 31, 2025

Just In Case

- The AHCAH waiver *could* lapse come Oct 1, 2025.
- CMS historically sends a notice to participating hospitals with guidance.
- Participants should have a plan in place to pause AHCAH operations.



Congressional Education

Educate Legislators

- With the impending waiver expiration, **now is the time to educate your members of Congress about the importance of extending the ACHAH waiver.**
- **Use the new one pager** covering details of the ACHAH waiver, legislative history, and benefits of the Acute Hospital Care At Home program.
- Find it on the HaH Users Group website under Technical Assistance Center > Policy Education

Why HaH Works: Evidence from U.S. Implementation

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HaH Reduces Spending without Sacrificing Quality:

- ① **Lower Costs Through Reduced Utilization:** HaH programs significantly reduce the use of costly services like lab tests, imaging, and specialty consults leading to significantly lower costs during the acute hospitalization and the 30-days post discharge.^{3,4,5}
- ② **Shorter Lengths of Stay and Reduced Post-Acute Care Use:** Patients in HaH programs experience shorter care episodes, lower rates of discharge to a skilled nursing facility, and lower rates of emergency department visits.⁶
- ③ **Relieves Hospital Capacity Pressures:** By avoiding the need for brick-and-mortar expansion, Advocate Health has freed up 33,000 hospital bed days by caring for over 9,400 patients at home since 2020.⁷



HaH Expands Access in Rural and Underserved Communities:

Delivers High-Quality Care for Complex Patients: HaH patients with disabilities and those dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid experience outcomes comparable to traditional hospital patients across key metrics—including mortality, readmissions, and skilled nursing facility use.⁸

Improves Access for Low-Income Populations: HaH benefits economically disadvantaged patients by allowing clinicians to assess home environments, address unmet needs, and build strong patient-provider relationships.⁹

Works in Rural and Underserved Areas: HaH has been successfully deployed in rural communities, reducing strain on hospital infrastructure and enabling patients to receive safe, high-quality acute care at home.¹⁰



HaH Improves Patient Experience Through Personalized Care:

Enhances Patient Experience: Patients receiving acute care at home report higher satisfaction and stronger relationships with their care teams that support conditions conducive to recovery.¹¹

Improves Clinical Outcomes: Hospital at Home has been associated with a 74% reduction in delirium risk and lower rates of certain clinical complications.¹²

Reduces Caregiver Stress Without Shifting Clinical Burden: Studies show lower levels of caregiver stress and confirm that HaH does not transfer clinical responsibilities from medical professionals to families.¹³

Thank you

QUESTIONS?



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 - **Featured Resource – An Introduction to Age-friendly Care in Hospital at Home**
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