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To: General Hospitals Licensed Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:43G
From: Michael J. Kennedy, Esq., Acting Assistant Commissioner
Division of Certificate of Need and Licensing
Date: March 19, 2026
Re: Extension of Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Acute Care
Hospital at Home Program until September 30, 2030

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The Department of Health (Department) is issuing this guidance memorandum to alert New Jersey acute care hospitals licensed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:43G of the recent extension of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Acute Care Hospital at Home program.

In November 2020, CMS implemented the Acute Care Hospital at Home program in order to allow approved hospitals to treat eligible patients at home, identifying 60 acute care conditions that can be appropriately and safely treated at home with proper monitoring and treatment protocols.

CMS initiated the program by initiating an individual waiver requirement for the standards at 42 C.F.R. § 482.23(b) and (b) of the Hospital Conditions of Participations. These standards require nursing services to be provided in a hospital 24 hours a day, seven days a week with a registered nurse immediately available for the care of any patient.

In July 2021, the Department issued a guidance memorandum as a blanket waiver, pursuant to the authority of N.J.A.C. 8:43G-2.8, to waive the requirement at N.J.A.C. 8:43G-2.5 that a licensed general hospital (hospital) only provides services within the hospital's licensed space. This blanket waiver permitted hospitals to apply for entry into CMS's Acute Care Hospital at Home Program and provide the services permitted under the program by CMS, if approved. Pursuant to this waiver, hospitals that had been granted a waiver by CMS authorizing the hospital to participate in the Acute Care Hospital at Home Program were able to provide Hospital at Home services approved by CMS.

The Acute Care Hospital at Home Program was most recently set to expire on January 30, 2026. On February 3, 2026, the President signed H.R. 7148 – the Consolidated Appropriation Act 2026 into law. Section 6210 of this Act extends the Acute Care Hospital at Home Program until **September 30, 2030**.

If your hospital would like to participate in the hospital at home program, please send a photocopy of the CMS waiver to the Department at the email address below. Once received, the Department will contact you with additional information. If your facility was previously participating in the program and will continue to do so, please notify the Department at the email address below, if you have not already done so.

Any questions concerning this waiver should be directed to Nicole Pine, Certificate of Need and Healthcare Facility Licensure Program at Nicole.Pine@doh.nj.gov.