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ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME WAIVERS SLATED TO END JANUARY 2022—PREPARE FOR WHAT'S NEXT

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During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) launched the Acute Hospital Care at Home [waiver program](#). This waiver program, and other flexibilities, including a dramatic expansion of telehealth, have enabled hospitals and health systems to embark on significantly expanded services in patients' homes. However, many of these flexibilities are tied to the duration of the Public Health Emergency (PHE), currently slated to end January 16, 2022 (although it is expected to be extended into at least mid-2022).

[McDermott+Consulting](#) (McDermott Will & Emery's affiliated healthcare consulting business) is working with Mayo Clinic, Kaiser Permanente and Medically Home to support a new advocacy coalition to ensure that hospitals and health systems can continue to operate their advanced care at home programs after the PHE ends. The [Advanced Care at Home Coalition](#) (the ACH Coalition) is lobbying Congress and the Administration to extend these flexibilities. The Coalition offers multiple benefits, including engaging in advocacy efforts, sharing information with like-minded stakeholders, and participating in thought leadership activities around the hospital at home movement, including webinars and case studies.

To learn more about joining the Coalition please contact [Mara McDermott](#) or your regular McDermott Will & Emery lawyer.

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