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What They're Saying

Acute Hospital Care At Home

Mount Sinai Health System in New York City

“The CMS has taken an extraordinary step today, facilitating the rapid expansion of Hospitalization at Home, an innovative care model with proven results. This important and timely move will enable hospitals across the country to use effective tools to safely care for patients during this pandemic.” - *Kenneth L. Davis, MD, President and CEO of the Mount Sinai Health System in New York City.*

Massachusetts General Hospital

“The home hospital approach has repeatedly demonstrated its enormous benefit and value as an important treatment option for patients. This innovative model has made available safe, cost-effective hospital-level care to patients at home – a reassuring environment that is comfortable, familiar and healing. The CMS’s decision to cover home hospital care will not only make this program more viable but will also enable more patients and families to experience this high-quality high-level of care in their own homes in their own communities.” - *Peter L. Slavin, MD, President, Massachusetts General Hospital*

Brigham Health Home Hospital

“Our research at Brigham Health Home has shown that we can deliver hospital-level care in our patients’ homes with lower readmission rates, more physical mobility, and a positive patient experience. During these challenging times, a focus on the home is critical. We are so encouraged that CMS is taking this important step, which will allow hospitals across the country to increase their capacity while delivering the care all patients deserve.” – *David Levine, MD, MPH, MA, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Medical Director of Strategy and Innovation for Brigham Health Home Hospital*

College of Nursing Huntsman Cancer Institute, University of Utah

"Huntsman at Home is an oncology hospital at home program. During our patient's cancer care journey, unplanned hospitalizations and emergency department visits are very common. With

COVID-19, many of our cancer patients, who are immunosuppressed, do not want to leave their families nor travel distances, for those from rural communities, to receive acute cancer care at our hospital or emergency department when cancer or treatment-related side effects emerge. This new CMS initiative will help us address the acute needs of our cancer patients in their own home rather than utilizing an acute hospital bed." – *Karen Titchener MS, APRN, Director Strategic Development Hospital at Home (Huntsman at Home program) Adjunct Assistant Professor College of Nursing Huntsman Cancer Institute, University of Utah*

Presbyterian Healthcare Services

"In the 12 years that Presbyterian Healthcare Services has provided Hospital at Home care, we have found it to offer great value to the patients who have been able to access this service. Those patients have experienced compassionate, highly effective care in their own homes. The outcomes have been excellent and satisfaction extremely high. Allowing this program to be available to so many more people will be of tremendous value to our patients and families here in New Mexico, at a critical time in our state." – Nancy Guinn, M.D., Medical Director Clinical Transformation, Population Health, Complete Care House Calls and Clinic, Hospital at Home, Advance Care Planning at Presbyterian Healthcare Services

For additional information on the Hospital at Home flexibilities, click here:

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-announces-comprehensive-strategy-enhance-hospital-capacity-amid-covid-19-surge>

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