

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENT EXPLANATION



Bill Number: **HB 2180**

Bliss Floor Amendment

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1. Requires eligible hospitals wishing to participate in the ACHPP to demonstrate the required in-person and telehealth equipment necessary to provide acute in-home services in a manner that ensures emergency response time of not more than 30 minutes to a patient's home.
 2. Allows participating ACHPP hospitals to use applicable DHS protocols to set the manner in which emergency response times are met through the use of mobile paramedic and mobile nursing services.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2180
(Reference to printed bill)

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1 The bill as proposed to be amended is reprinted as follows:

2 Section 1. Laws 2021, chapter 320, section 22, as amended by Laws
3 2022, chapter 140, section 1 and Laws 2023, chapter 90, section 1, is
4 amended to read:

5 Sec. 22. Department of health services; acute care services
6 at home; pilot program; delayed repeal

7 A. On or before the earlier of thirty days after the effective date
8 of this section or September 1, 2021, the department of health services
9 shall develop a ~~three-year~~ pilot program that allows the delivery of acute
10 care services to patients in the patient's home by licensed hospitals in
11 this state. The department may waive rules necessary to implement the
12 requirements of the pilot program. The pilot program shall be designed in
13 a manner and in coordination with the acute care at home program
14 authorized by the centers for medicare and medicaid services.

15 B. In collaboration with interested hospitals in this state, the
16 department shall determine:

17 1. The criteria necessary for a licensed hospital to be eligible
18 for the pilot program. Eligible hospitals must demonstrate the required
19 in-person and telehealth equipment necessary to provide acute in-home
20 services [IN A MANNER THAT ENSURES EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIME OF NOT MORE
21 THAN THIRTY MINUTES TO A PATIENT'S HOME].

22 2. The protocols for eligible hospitals to determine patient
23 eligibility in the program.

24 3. The protocols for health care services to be provided by or
25 under the direction of eligible hospitals to patients in the program.

26 C. Hospitals participating in the pilot program may use applicable
27 protocols determined by the department to set:

28 1. The patient eligibility criteria.

1 2. The categories of licensed health care providers that may be
2 used.

3 3. The services that may be outsourced by the hospital.

4 4. The health care services to be provided by or under the
5 direction of the hospital, which may at the option of the hospital include
6 services of mobile paramedics.

7 [5. THE MANNER IN WHICH EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIMES ARE MET THROUGH
8 THE USE OF MOBILE PARAMEDIC AND MOBILE NURSING SERVICES.]

9 D. For the purposes of the pilot program, a mobile paramedic:

10 1. Must have at least two years of experience as a paramedic and be
11 certified in community paramedicine by a recognized certifying body ~~before~~
12 ~~January 1, 2023~~.

13 2. ~~Beginning January 1, 2023,~~ Must have at least two years of
14 experience as a paramedic and be certified in community paramedicine by a
15 recognized certifying body before being employed as a mobile paramedic.

16 3. Must provide health care services under the supervision and
17 delegation of a physician who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 13
18 or 17, Arizona Revised Statutes, and who works for the ambulance service
19 that employs the mobile paramedic and is performing services for the
20 hospital. The supervising physician is responsible for directing and
21 reviewing the health care services and other activities of the mobile
22 paramedic. A mobile paramedic's scope of practice is that which is
23 delegated to the mobile paramedic by the supervising physician. A mobile
24 paramedic may provide one or both of the twice-daily onsite patient
25 assessment visits required pursuant to the pilot program, which may
26 replace one or both of the required twice-daily onsite patient assessment
27 visits by a registered nurse or advanced practice provider.

28 E. Nursing or other health care services provided pursuant to the
29 pilot program, other than the twice-daily onsite patient assessment
30 visits, may be virtual or in person.

31 F. The Arizona state board of pharmacy may waive rules necessary to
32 implement the requirements of the pilot program.

33 G. Hospitals participating in the pilot program shall:

34 1. Report patient progress and program quality outcomes as required
35 by the department.

36 2. Comply with any reporting requirements established by the
37 Arizona state board of pharmacy for purposes of the pilot program.

38 H. This section is repealed from and after December 31, ~~2026~~ 2028.

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