

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 4432

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, August 28, 2025.

The committee on Aging and Independence, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 780) of Kate Lipper-Garabedian and others that the Executive Office of Health and Human Services be authorized to establish a hospital to home partnership program, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4432) ought to pass.

For the committee,

THOMAS M. STANLEY.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act establishing the hospital to home partnership program.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 19A of the General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 4D the following section:-

3           Section 4E. (a) There is hereby established within the executive office of health and  
4 human services a Hospital to Home Partnership Program, with the mission to promote  
5 partnerships between acute-care hospitals, as defined by section 25B of chapter 111 and aging  
6 services access points, or ASAPs, as defined by section 4B of chapter 19A, and to strengthen  
7 communication and coordination with community providers to promote institutional diversion  
8 and increase discharge rates from hospitals to home and community-based settings.

9           (b) Acute- care hospitals participating in the Hospital to Home Partnership Program shall  
10 include at least 1 ASAP staff member to serve as a home and community-based services hospital  
11 liaison. The liaison shall support the hospital’s efforts to connect individuals to home and  
12 community-based services programs and other community services to enable a community  
13 discharge instead of a skilled nursing facility or other institutional placement.