

HOUSE No. 780

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kate Lipper-Garabedian

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing the hospital to home partnership program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>1/28/2025</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>2/6/2025</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/6/2025</i>
<i>Sean Reid</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>2/6/2025</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>2/12/2025</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/12/2025</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>2/12/2025</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/12/2025</i>
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>2/24/2025</i>
<i>Manny Cruz</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>3/11/2025</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/11/2025</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/27/2025</i>
<i>Tara T. Hong</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/27/2025</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>3/27/2025</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>3/27/2025</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>4/8/2025</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/16/2025</i>

<i>Thomas W. Moakley</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>4/16/2025</i>
<i>John J. Marsi</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>4/25/2025</i>
<i>Kristin E. Kassner</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>	<i>6/16/2025</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>7/11/2025</i>

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By Representative Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose, a 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. Elder Affairs.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

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) There will be within each participating acute-care hospital no less than 1 ASAP staff
10 member serving as home and community-based services hospital liaison. The liaison shall
11 support the hospital’s efforts to connect individuals to home and community-based services

- 12 programs and other community services to enable a community discharge instead of a skilled
- 13 nursing facility or other institutional placement.