

HOUSE No.

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>

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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.