

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To establish a new pilot program that would test coverage of outpatient observation services furnished outside a hospital under the Acute Hospital Care at Home initiative.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. CARPER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “At Home Observation
5 and Medical Evaluation Services Act of 2024” or the “At
6 HOME Services Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE OBSERVATION SERV-**
2 **ICES IN THE ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT**
3 **HOME INITIATIVE.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 1 year after the
5 date of enactment of this Act and subject to subsection
6 (b), the [Secretary of Health and Human Services in co-
7 ordination with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
8 Services] shall establish a pilot program to test expanding
9 the Acute Hospital Care at Home initiative described in
10 section 1866G of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
11 1395cc–7) to allow a hospital to furnish outpatient obser-
12 vation services outside the hospital in accordance with
13 such requirements as the Secretary shall specify.

14 (b) **REQUIRED NOTIFICATION.**—Notwithstanding
15 any other provision of law, the Secretary may not waive
16 the requirements of section 1866(a)(1)(Y) of the Social
17 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395cc(a)(1)(Y)) for hospitals
18 participating in the pilot program.