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SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “At Home Observation and Medical Evaluation Services Act of 2024” or the “At HOME Services Act”.
SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE OBSERVATION SERVICES IN THE ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME INITIATIVE.

(a) In General.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act and subject to subsection (b), the Secretary of Health and Human Services in coordination with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services shall establish a pilot program to test expanding the Acute Hospital Care at Home initiative described in section 1866G of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395cc–7) to allow a hospital to furnish outpatient observation services outside the hospital in accordance with such requirements as the Secretary shall specify.

(b) Required Notification.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may not waive the requirements of section 1866(a)(1)(Y) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395cc(a)(1)(Y)) for hospitals participating in the pilot program.