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The Honorable Edward Markey  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable John Cornyn  
United States Senate  
517 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rob Portman  
United States Senate  
448 Russell Senate Office Building  
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The Honorable Michael Bennet  
United States Senate  
261 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Markey, Cornyn, Portman and Bennet:

On behalf of the American Hospital Association's (AHA) nearly 5,000 member hospitals, health systems and other health care organizations, and our 43,000 individual members, I am writing to express our support for the Independence at Home Act, S. 3130, which would make the Independence at Home (IAH) demonstration a permanent, national Medicare program.

Under the IAH model, a care team led by physicians or nurse practitioners provides primary care home visits tailored to the needs of Medicare beneficiaries with multiple chronic conditions and functional limitations. Several AHA members participate in this demonstration and have expressed enthusiasm for its continuation, and more widespread adoption of its home-based approach.

This effort has been successful thus far— in the second performance year 73 percent of participating organizations demonstrated an average savings of \$1,010 per beneficiary, and all participating organizations showed improvement on specified quality measures. National and permanent expansion of this model would allow more providers to implement its home-based approach as part of their overall care redesign efforts and – more importantly – allow more Medicare beneficiaries to appreciate its benefits.

The AHA applauds your leadership in this effort, and we look forward to the enactment of your legislation. If you have any questions, please contact me or Aimee Kuhlman, AHA senior associate director of federal relations, at [akuhlman@aha.org](mailto:akuhlman@aha.org).

Sincerely,

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