

**THE INDEPENDENCE AT HOME ACT**  
**SHOULD BE ENACTED THIS YEAR**

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The Independence at Home Act should be enacted this year because it is the only proposal before Congress that does all of the following:

1. **Guarantees savings and provides incentives for physician-directed care teams to provide lower cost services with better outcomes to high cost Medicare beneficiaries in high cost regions of the country.**
2. **Provides access to chronic care coordination services by Medicare beneficiaries suffering from specific multiple chronic conditions including congestive heart failure, diabetes, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, ischemic heart disease, peripheral arterial disease, stroke, Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, pressure ulcers, and hypertension by allowing them to remain independent in their homes and to avoid high cost hospital admissions and emergency room visits.**
2. **Funds the chronic care coordination services entirely from the savings it achieves.**
3. **Provides minimum annual savings to Medicare of 5%.**
4. **Provides incentives for additional savings by splitting savings beyond 5% between Medicare and providers thereby generating funding to invest in health IT, telemonitoring, and mobile diagnostic technologies to produce future savings.**
5. **Monitors and holds providers accountable for outcomes, patient satisfaction and savings.**
6. **Builds on the experience of physician-directed chronic care coordination programs that have successfully provided better health care at lower cost to patients with multiple chronic conditions.**
7. **Provides support and assistance to families and caregivers.**
8. **Provides better health care and savings within the next year.**

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