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Acute Hospital Care At Home

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving individual requests for hospitals to provide Acute Hospital Care at Home (AHCAH) services. AHCAH services are described by CMS in a [press release on November 25, 2020](#).

Process Steps

To begin providing this service in Oregon the provider must already be a licensed Oregon hospital and complete the following steps:

1. Submitting and receiving a temporary license for this service using the [Hospital License Temporary Space for COVID-19 Instructions and Application](#). The application should specify the addition of an Acute Hospital Care At Home service. Completed license applications should be sent to mailbox.hclc@state.or.us. Health Facility Licensing & Certification approves temporary applications by email.
2. After licensure, the hospital may seek reimbursement for the AHCAH services by applying for a CMS waiver for specific Conditions of Participation related to nursing services and care. The CMS waiver process starts at the [CMS Acute Hospital Care At Home Portal](#).

Expiration

Approved temporary licenses are granted for six months and may be renewed if the COVID-19 pandemic is still impacting hospital services in the month prior to the license expiration. Waivers of Oregon Administrative Rules [333-500-0025\(7\)](#) and [333-500-0010\(46\)](#) expire with the temporary license.

CMS has indicated that approval of these waivers will end when the Public Health Emergency ends.