FEATURE ARTICLE

Bill to Expand HCBS for Veterans Introduced in Congress

Bipartisan legislation to ensure that veterans are able to receive care in their home for as long as possible has been introduced in the House of Representatives. The Elizabeth Dole Home and Community Based Services for Veterans and Caregivers Act of 2022 (H.R. 6823) would expand and improve the home and community-based services (HCBS) programs within the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and align public policy with improved outcomes and patient choice, which is to stay in their own home.

NAHC supports this bill, as it will make much needed improvements to the delivery of HCBS for veterans, enabling options in how and where they receive care, while also working to address workforce shortages and support family caregivers.

Specifically, this legislation would:

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Despite Seniors’ Strong Desire to Age in Place, the Village Model Remains a Boutique Option

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Twenty years ago, a group of pioneering older adults in Boston created an innovative organization for people committed to aging in
place: Beacon Hill Village, an all-in-one social club, volunteer collective, activity center, peer-to-peer support group, and network for various services.

Its message of “we want to age our way in our homes and our community” was groundbreaking at the time and commanded widespread attention. Villages would mobilize neighbors to serve neighbors, anchor older adults in their communities, and become an essential part of the infrastructure for aging in place in America, experts predicted.

Today, there are 268 such villages with more than 40,000 members in the U.S., and an additional 70 are in development — a significant accomplishment, considering how hard it is to get these organizations off the ground. But those numbers are a drop in the bucket given the needs of the nation’s 54 million older adults. And villages remain a boutique, not a mass-market, option for aging in place.

‘We Are the Table’: The Future of Risk-Taking for Home Care Providers

The home-based care provider Care Advantage is at somewhat of an inflection point.

Last year, the private investment firm Searchlight Capital landed a majority stake in the company. With a greater access to capital, the company is determined to gain an even stronger footprint in the Mid-Atlantic U.S., and its recent acquisitions reflect that.

Overall, Care Advantage provides a mix of personal care support and skilled services through its over 40 locations in Virginia, Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Delaware.
How the PE Nursing Home Crackdown Could Affect the Home Health Industry

Pushed by the White House, federal watchdogs have a new directive – cracking down on private equity in health care.

While they’ll largely be targeting nursing homes and PE investment as part of a recently unveiled senior care initiative from the Biden administration, there will likely be ripple effects in the home-based care space.

In particular, industry insiders believe the heightened scrutiny will lead to stricter regulations and less business-friendly policies.

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Home-and-community-based services are a safe bet

If you like to gamble and know a thing or two about post-acute care, it seems pretty clear where to put your money at this point: home- and community-based services (HCBS).

Two developments in recent days helped make that case. One is a new report from the Kaiser Family Foundation, which found that the realignment of long-term services and supports (LTSS) toward HCBS keeps moving in that direction. In fiscal year 2019, the most recent year in which data are available, HCB LTSS made up 59% of total spending — the highest to date — while institutional LTSS comprised 41% of total spending. The gulf has continued to widen since fiscal year 2013, when HCBS surpassed institutional care in the share of LTSS dollars.

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