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The [Expanding Care in the Home Act](#), a federal bill which was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives on April 25, 2023 aims to reduce care in hospitals and other healthcare facilities and increase home-based care as a potential solution to Medicare's financial problems. The legislation would create a new Medicare benefit that allows certain beneficiaries to have a home health worker for up to 12 hours a week, broaden reimbursement for home-based services, and tasks the Department of Health and Human Services with studying additional procedures that could be moved to the home-based setting. The Bill has garnered support from technology companies, insurers, venture capitalists, providers, and telehealth advocates. However, some health economists are skeptical about the proponents' cost-saving claims, and question whether there is a sufficient workforce to implement the Bill's purpose.

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