

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2437

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require hospitals to provide information on available hospice programs to certain individuals upon discharge under the Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 2025

Mrs. HOUCHIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “End-of-life Access to
5 Supportive and Essential care Act of 2025” or the “EASE
6 Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING HOSPITALS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION**
2 **ON AVAILABLE HOSPICE PROGRAMS TO CER-**
3 **TAIN INDIVIDUALS UPON DISCHARGE UNDER**
4 **THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(ee)(2)(D) of the So-
6 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(ee)(2)(D)) is amend-
7 ed—

8 (1) by inserting “, home health services,” after
9 “including hospice care”;

10 (2) by striking “including the availability of
11 home health services through individuals and enti-
12 ties” and inserting the following: “including—

13 “(i) in the case of individuals who are like-
14 ly to need home health services, the availability
15 of such services through home health agencies”;

16 (3) by striking “listed by the hospital as avail-
17 able and, in the case of individuals who are likely to
18 need post-hospital extended care services,” and in-
19 serting the following: “listed by the hospital as avail-
20 able;

21 “(ii) in the case of individuals who are
22 likely to need post-hospital extended care serv-
23 ices,”;

24 (4) by striking the period and inserting “;
25 and”;

1 (5) by adding at the end the following new
2 clause:

3 “(iii) in the case of individuals who are
4 likely eligible for hospice care, the availability of
5 such care through hospice programs that par-
6 ticipate in the program under this title and that
7 serve the area in which the patient resides.”.

8 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
9 paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to discharges occur-
10 ring on or after January 1, 2026.

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