

HOSPITAL DISCHARGE CHALLENGES

November 17th, 2025



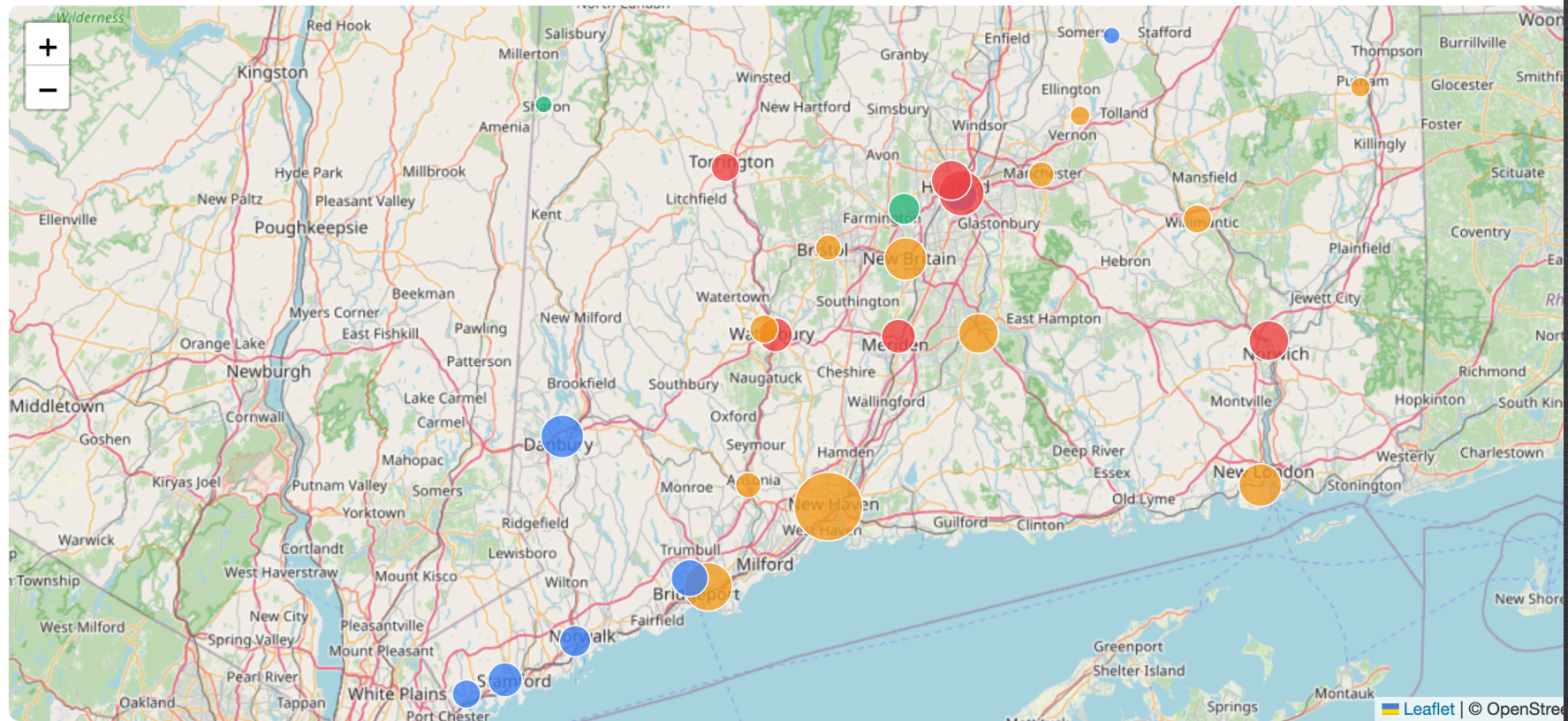
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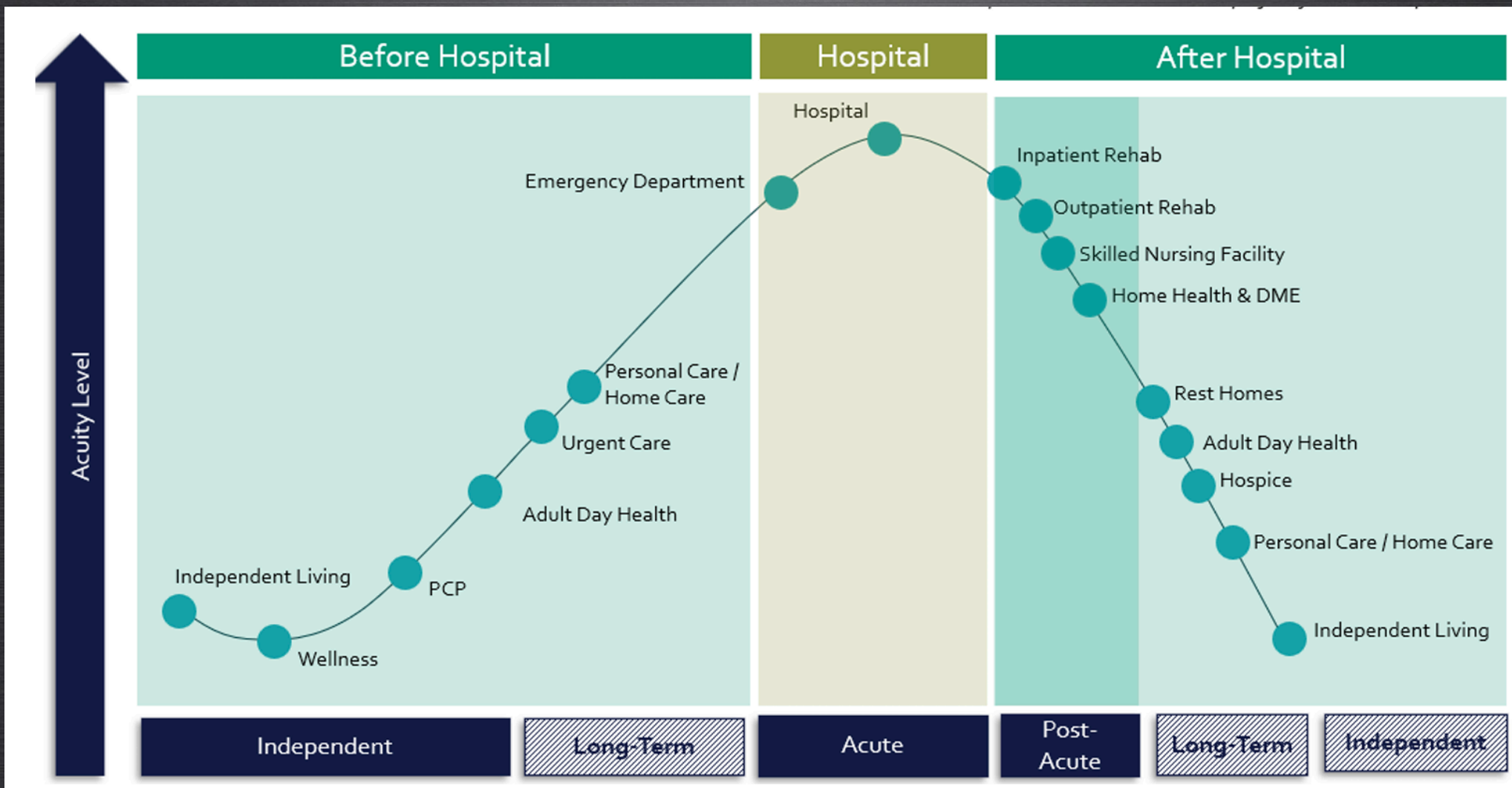
1,663,899 Patients were **treated in a Connecticut Emergency Department**

228,180 ED patients were **admitted to the hospital**

38.7% of admitted patients in the state of Connecticut **boarded** for 4 hours or more in 2024

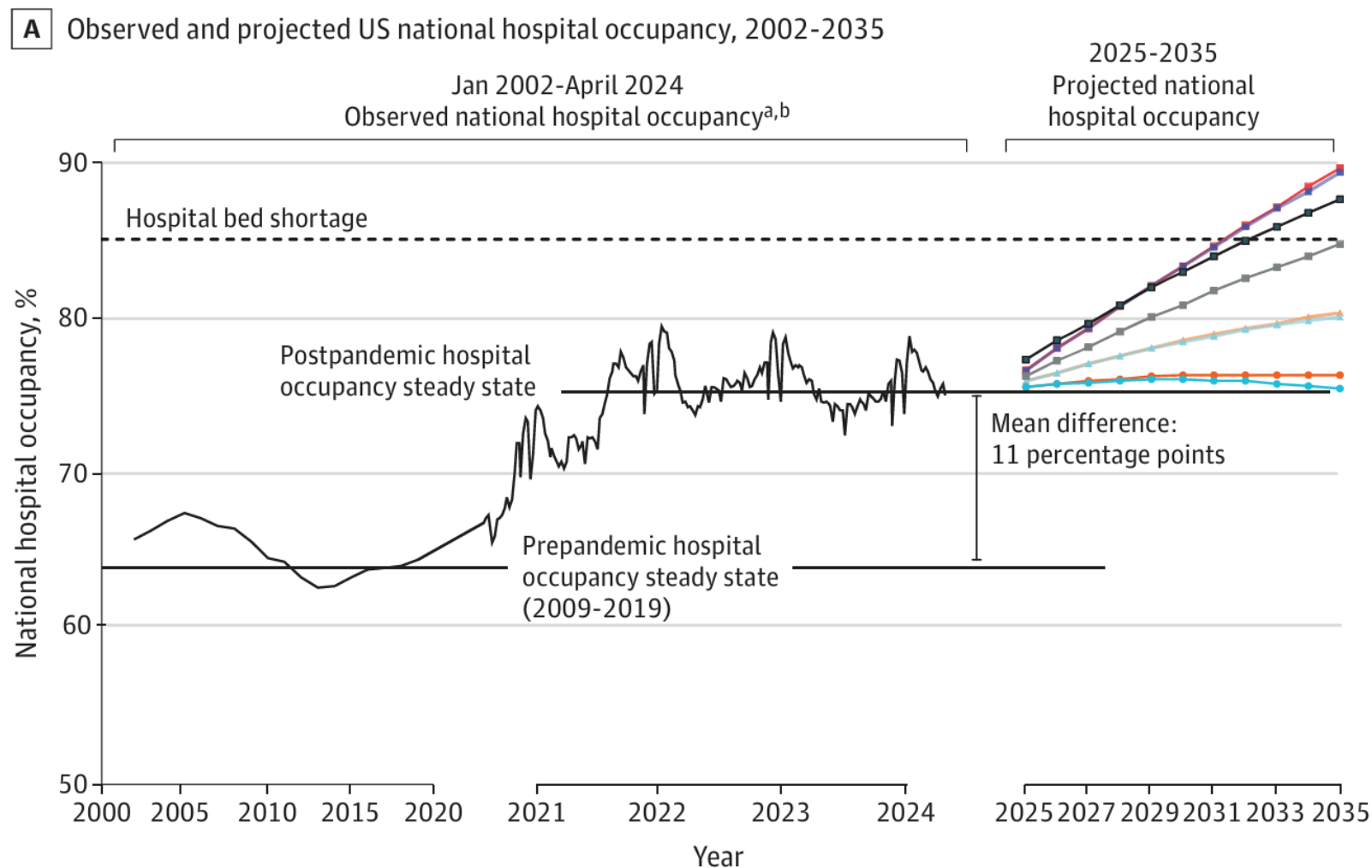
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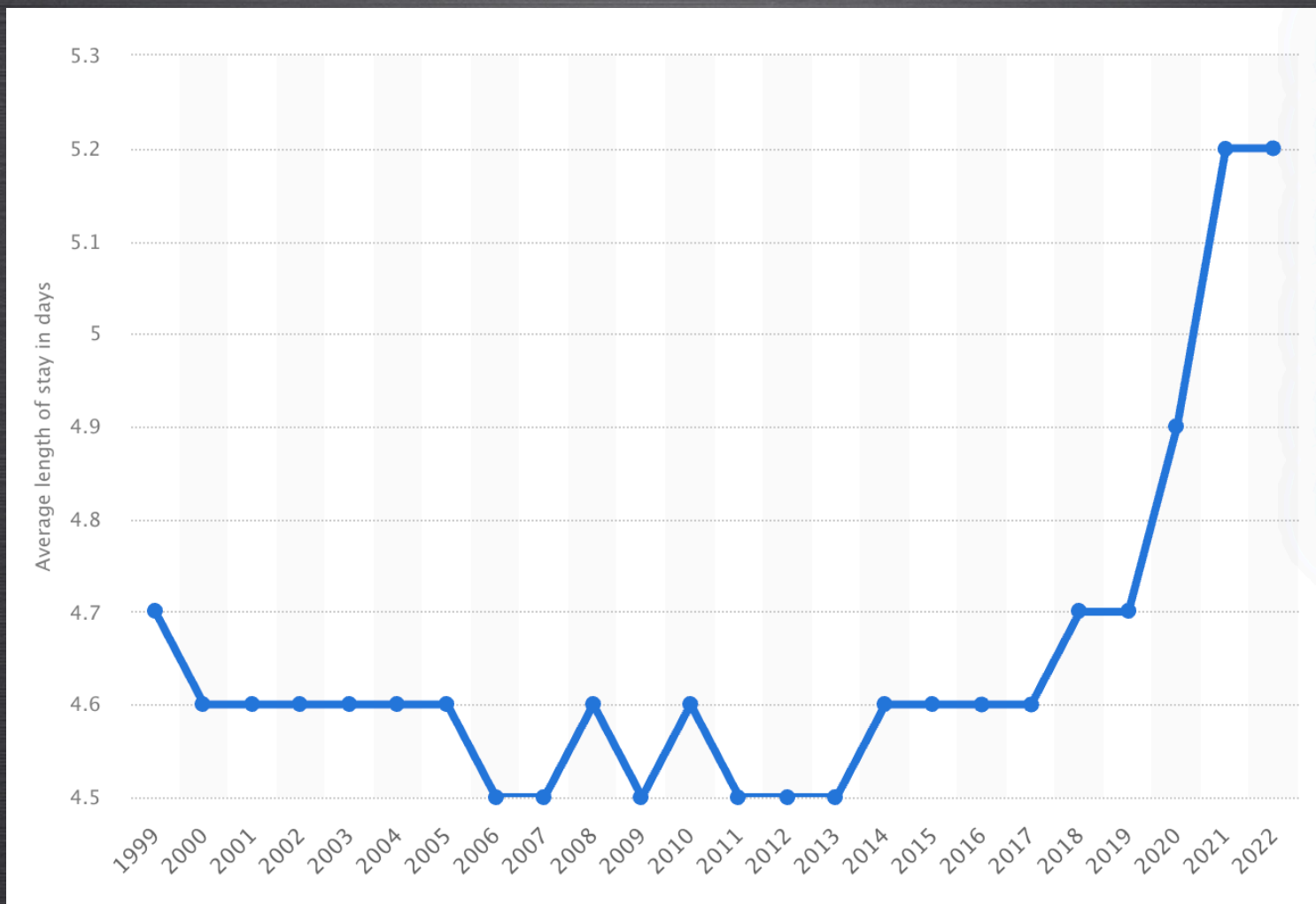




From MA TACPAC Report

Health Care Staffing Shortages and Potential National Hospital Bed Shortage



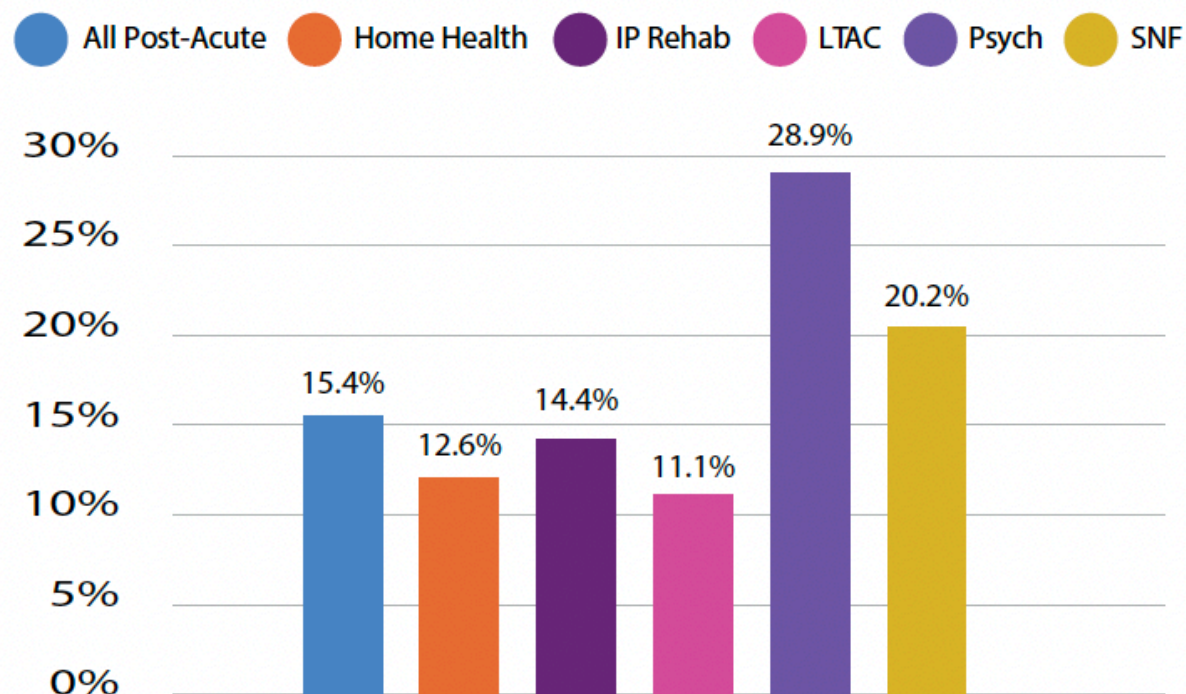


Average hospital LOS in U.S.

Issue Brief: Patients and Providers Faced with Increasing Delays in Timely Discharges



Figure 1: Percent Change in CMI-adjusted ALOS 2019-2022, by discharge location.



Other state efforts

- Oregon
 - Joint Task Force on Hospital Discharge Challenges
 - Report in November 2024
- Massachusetts
 - TACPAC - Transitions from Acute Care to Post-Acute Care Task Force
 - Report from July 2025

MA TACPAC Report:

Appendix C – Relevant State Legislation Currently Under Review

State Legislation Currently Under Review (by Task Force Recommendation)

1.1 Advance “Next of Kin” or “Surrogate” Decision-Making Legislation

- HB 1692 / HB 1874 / SB 1047

1.5 Promote Supported Decision-Making

- HB 261 / HB 264 / SB 155

1.6 Expand Public Guardian Programs and Volunteer Recruitment

- HB1412 / SB903

4.3 Expand Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) and Hospital-at-Home models

- HB 1154 / SB 726 – Mobile Integrated Health
- HB 1141 / SB 806 – Hospital at Home

6.3 Explore Behavioral Health Transportation Models

- HB 2234 / SB 1397