

CARE ACT:

SUPPORT WISCONSIN FAMILY CAREGIVERS

In Wisconsin,
580,000 caregivers
provide more than
540,000,000 hours
of unpaid labor per year

More than 4 in 5 employers
(88%) say caregiving will
be an important issue in
the next 5 years

88%

Employers lose nearly **\$33 billion**
every year due to lower productivity
and early retirement related to
caregiving

Per year, Wisconsin family
caregiver labor is valued at **\$9.2
billion**

Lack of Support During Hospital Discharge

76%

of family caregivers
didn't receive any
training upon discharge

Hospital readmissions due to lack of proper
training increases stress for providers

81%

of family caregivers were
given **24 hours or less**
notice of discharge

Last minute hospital discharge instructions
can be rushed and confusing for caregivers

Caregivers miss work and lose pay because
of last minute hospital discharge decisions

Worse Outcomes for Patients, Providers, and Caregivers

The Caregiver Advise, Record, Enable (CARE) Act requires hospitals to:

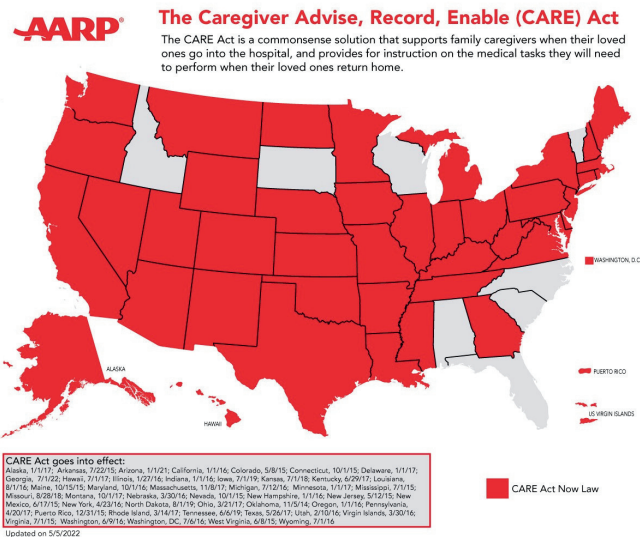
1. Ask patients if they have a caregiver and record in the medical record
2. Contact that caregiver if the patient is to be transferred or discharged
3. Teach the caregivers how to provide the care needed after discharge

Wisconsin is one of only 8 states that has not yet enacted the CARE Act

Did you know?

-There is already funding for the CARE Act! Clinicians can bill the hospital for educating and training family caregivers

-8 in 10 registered voters in WI over 40 support the components of the CARE Act



Champion this legislation and help reintroduce bill AB 584/SB 516 from the 2019-2020 Legislation Session

Contact Bryn Ceman, Caregiver Support Specialist, at the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources to learn more about how to collaborate and become an ally on this legislation. Contact Bryn through email at bryn.ceman@gwaar.org or by phone at (608)-228-8096

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