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

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

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

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

76% of family caregivers didn’t receive any training upon discharge.

81% of family caregivers were given 24 hours or less notice of discharge.

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

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.

CARE ACT: SUPPORT WISCONSIN FAMILY CAREGIVERS

88%
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