

# The CARE Act

Universally known as The CARE Act (Caregiver Advise, Record, Enable), HB3378 requires hospitals to adopt written discharge policies to help the patient and their caregiver successfully transition from hospital to home.

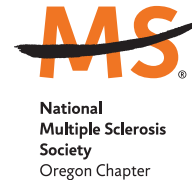
About half of all family and other lay caregivers perform medical or nursing tasks such as wound care, complex medication management and injections for their loved ones. Most patients do not receive a home visit by a health care professional after discharge from a hospital and the level of training for complex medical tasks doesn't always meet the needs of family or lay caregivers.

The CARE Act will help family caregivers when their loved ones go into the hospital, ensuring that hospitals identify and document the caregiver's name and contact information, involve the family or other lay caregiver in discharge planning where appropriate, and instruct the caregiver on any care tasks they will need to perform once their loved one returns home. The principle behind the CARE Act is that family caregivers should be considered part of the care team by medical providers.

**To recognize and support the 460,000 family caregivers in Oregon, the following organizations support House Bill 3378:**



**The Advocacy Coalition  
for Seniors and People  
with Disabilities**



**Oregon State  
Council for  
Retired Citizens**

**Oregon Women's  
Rights Coalition**



**United Seniors  
of Oregon**