

Policy Title: The CARE Act 2019-20 Legislative session SB 516/AB584

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Brief Description

The legislation would:

- ensure that a family caregiver is recorded in patient files when a loved one is admitted to the hospital.
- require notification of a caregiver if a loved one is transferred to another facility or discharged back home.
- require facilities to provide the caregiver with an explanation and one-to-one instructions on how to perform medical tasks.

Analysis – Anticipated benefits

- There would be better follow-up care provided by the caregiver
- It should reduce hospital readmissions
- It will reduce caregiver stress
- Potential funding options/cost savings/benefits.
There would be no cost to the state taxpayers. So no funding needed.
- What state agency or other entity would be responsible for implementing the proposal, if it were approved?
Department of Health Services (DHS)
- Cost estimate
*There would be no cost to the state taxpayers.
Cost for hospitals it is difficult to gage and is outside the purview of this committee. In hospitals where this type of caregiver identification and*

*education is currently being provided, there should be no additional cost.
For those where it is not being provided, the costs to the hospitals are most
likely to be offset by a reduction in readmissions.*

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