Family caregivers in Rhode Island now have more support. The CARE Act.

About 134,000 Rhode Islanders care for older parents, spouses or other loved ones, helping them to live independently at home. These family caregivers have a huge responsibility, and now there’s a new law that will make life a little bit easier for them.

The CARE (Caregiver Advise, Record, Enable) Act helps family caregivers when their loved ones go into the hospital and as they transition home. The CARE Act requires hospitals in Rhode Island to:

- Record your name on the medical record of your loved one;
- Inform you when your loved one is to be discharged to another facility or back home; and,
- Give you live or recorded demonstration of the medical tasks you will need to perform at home such as medication management, injections and wound care.

AARP Rhode Island fought for the CARE Act because supporting caregivers is a top priority for all of us. We hope you will cut out the card below and fold it around your insurance card to keep in your wallet. That way, you’ll have important information about this new law available when you need it most.

For more information about caregiving resources, visit aarp.org/ricaregiving or aarp.org/caregiving.

To share your caregiving story, visit aarp.org/iheartcaregivers.

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