Family caregivers in Montana now have more support. The Montana Caregiver Act.

118,000 Montanans care for older parents, spouses or other loved ones, helping them to live independently at home. These family caregivers have a huge responsibility, and beginning October 1, 2017, a new law will make life a little bit easier for them.

The Montana Caregiver Act helps family caregivers when their loved ones go into the hospital and as they transition home. The Caregiver Act requires hospitals to:

- Provide you the opportunity to designate a family caregiver.
- Notify your caregiver when you are to be discharged back home or to another facility.
- Instruct your caregiver on the medical tasks that will need to be performed at home such as medication management, injections, and wound care.

AARP Montana fought for the Caregivers 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/caregiving.
To share your caregiving story, visit aarp.org/iheartcaregivers.