



# Family caregivers in Ohio now have more support. The Ohio Caregiving Act.

More than 1.4 million Ohioans care for older parents, spouses or other loved ones, helping them to live independently at home. These family caregivers have a huge responsibility, and on March 20, 2017, a new law took effect that will make life a little bit easier for them.

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

- ♥ Record the name of the family caregiver when a loved one is admitted into a hospital;
- ♥ Notify the caregiver if the loved one is to be discharged to another facility or back home; and,
- ♥ Provide the family caregiver with instruction and demonstration on the tasks that the family caregiver will have to perform at home — such as medication management, injections and wound care.

**AARP Ohio fought for the Caregiving 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](http://aarp.org/caregiving) or [aarp.org/oh](http://aarp.org/oh).**

**To share your caregiving story, visit [aarp.org/iheartcaregivers](http://aarp.org/iheartcaregivers).**



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## WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE ENTERS THE HOSPITAL

Flip this card for information about

## The Ohio Caregiving Act



### The Caregiving Act requires Ohio hospitals to:

- ♥ Record the name of the family caregiver when a loved one over age 55 is admitted into a hospital;
- ♥ Notify the caregiver if the loved one is to be discharged to another facility or back home; and,
- ♥ Provide the family caregiver with instruction and demonstration on the tasks that the family caregiver will have to perform at home.

For more information about caregiving resources, visit

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