Family caregivers in Kansas now have more support.

The Kansas Lay Caregiver Act

Hundreds of thousands of Kansans 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 July 1, 2018, a new law took effect that will make life a little bit easier for them.

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

- Record the name of the patient’s designated family caregiver upon admission.
- Keep that caregiver informed of their loved one’s discharge plans.
- Provide education and instruction of aftercare tasks — such as medication management, injections, wound care, and transfers — that the family caregiver will perform at home.

AARP Kansas went to work at the Capitol to make the Kansas Lay Caregiver Act a reality, 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/ks or call 1-866-448-3619.

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