VOTERS SUPPORT THE NC CAREGIVERS ACT, HB269/SB161

AARP is fighting to support family caregivers and their loved ones to help them live independently at home. AARP recently surveyed North Carolina registered voters age 40-plus about their caregiving experiences. Here’s what we learned:

North Carolina registered voters age 40+ overwhelming support the three components of the North Carolina Caregivers Act. They say:

- Hospitals should **INSTRUCT** caregivers on medical tasks (94%)
- Hospitals should **INFORM** caregivers before their loved one is discharged (91%)
- Hospitals should **IDENTIFY** the name of the caregiver in the patient’s medical record (83%)

This support is strong across political party lines.

- Hospitals should instruct caregivers on medical tasks: 93% (Republican), 95% (Democrat), 95% (Independent)
- Hospitals should inform caregivers before discharge: 90% (Republican), 91% (Democrat), 95% (Independent)
- Hospitals should include the name of the caregiver in the medical record: 84% (Republican), 83% (Democrat), 87% (Independent)

North Carolinians are family caregivers. If you’re not a caregiver now and weren’t one in the past, you’ll likely be one in the future:

- Current or former caregivers: 53%
- Likely caregivers in the future: 56%

North Carolina caregivers help their older loved ones with daily activities like shopping, transportation, meals, and chores. They also:

- Handle nursing and medical tasks: 60%
- Manage medications: 76%

March 2019 Survey 800 North Carolina Registered Voters Age 40-plus. Margin of sampling error ±3.46%.
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