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ASSEMBLY MEMBER DARREL AUBERTINE PARTICIPATES IN WATERTOWN HOME CARE VISIT

Visit Demonstrates Importance of Home Care Programs

(WATERTOWN)—Michelle Appleby, a wheelchair bound patient with spina bifida who needs significant assistance in her home, was visited today by Assembly Member Darrel Aubertine. Assembly Member Aubertine's visit to Ms. Appleby's Watertown home was piqued by an interest to learn more about the importance of home care services in the state.

Appleby, who is a mother of two children, receives home care services through CareGivers, a statewide home care agency. Her condition, which she has had since birth, makes it difficult for her to maintain an active lifestyle with her family. Since last year, CareGivers has been providing home health aides to assist her in her home with household chores, errands, and personal hygiene.

During the visit, Aubertine was able to witness the varying roles of a home health aide and the benefits these activities had on the client.

"It was a pleasure to meet with Michelle and her two daughters and to see first hand the terrific home care services that are provided in the comfort of their home", said Aubertine. "Many patients like Michelle do not require institutional care and programs like this allow them to remain at home with their families and connected to their communities. As budget negotiations begin, I will continue to fight for cost effective home- and community-based care that

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“Home care services are a vital health care program in this state,” said Phyllis Wang, President of New York State Association of Health Care Providers. “They allow individuals, like Michelle Appleby, to maintain their own home and remain both productive and independent. Without such services, many chronically ill and disabled populations would be forced into more restrictive and costly institutionalized and impersonal settings.”

Formerly a franchise of Upjohn Health Care Services, CareGivers has been a leading provider of home care services for over 35 years. The organization provides companions, personal care aides, home health aides and practical and registered nurses through its 13 locations in Upstate New York and Western Pennsylvania.

Assembly Member Aubertine’s visit was arranged by the New York State Association of Health Care Providers, Inc. (HCP), a statewide trade association representing the full spectrum of home care and hospice agencies in New York.