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ASSEMBLY MEMBER BRADLEY CONNECTS WITH HOME CARE

Cites cost-effectiveness of home care as a tool to slow health care spending

WHITE PLAINS, NY – Assembly Member Adam Bradley (D-White Plains) recently visited home care recipient, Dorothy Domizio, to learn about the value of home care for his constituents and all New Yorkers.

Four months ago the 84-year old was living in a nursing home due to arthritis and issues walking. Fortunately, with the help of a home health aide from Concept: CARE, Inc., she is back in her own home where she receives assistance with getting dressed, cooking and other daily activities. Mrs. Domizio's son, Wendell, now lives with her in order to make the transition back home feasible. But the arrangement would not be possible without the assistance of a home health aide. Because an aide spends time with Mrs. Domizio, Wendall is actively involved with his mother's care and still able to work and participate in other activities.

Providing cost-efficient and quality health care is a major concern for many New Yorkers, which is why Assembly Member Bradley took advantage of "Home Care Connect," a home care visitation program sponsored by the New York State Association of Health Care Providers, Inc. (HCP). Home Care Connect provides State and Federal Legislators the opportunity to see first-hand the benefits of home and community-based care.

"I have always strongly supported increasing access to home care, because it enables New Yorkers to maintain control over their lives while still receiving quality services," said Bradley. "As New York faces many tough questions about the future of health care, it is essential that home care receives the support it requires to continue satisfying the needs of our residents."

Carol Greenberg, President of Concept: CARE, Inc. has seen many nursing home patients return home with smiles on their faces, just happy to be back in comfortable surroundings while still receiving care.

"Institutional care is an important part of the health care system, but too often it is not a necessary or preferred source of care," said Greenberg. "I appreciate Assembly Member Bradley's visit so he too can experience the many advantages home care provides."

"The use of home care is quickly rising across the state, the country and throughout the world," said HCP President Phyllis Wang. "It's exciting to hear stories like Mrs. Domizio's. It is important for people of all ages to have access to home care services so they too can live with their loved ones, in their own home. As the health care debate continues, HCP will work to enhance access to home care services."

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HCP is a statewide trade association representing the full spectrum of home care and hospice agencies in New York.

High-resolution photo of this event is available at www.nyshcp.org/press