



**California Association of Public Authorities  
for In-Home Supportive Services**

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Honorable Patty Berg  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 4146  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 364 (Berg)  
CAPA Position: Co-Sponsor

Dear Assemblywoman Berg:

The California Association of Public Authorities for In-Home Support Services (CAPA) and its 52 Public Authority members representing 55 counties in California, proposes to co-sponsor your bill, AB 364 (Berg), which will require hospital discharge policies to inform patients of the availability of home and community-based options prior to discharge; and will require that prior to a transfer of an older adult patient to any skilled nursing facility, the patient be assessed by a preadmission screening to ensure the appropriateness of the proposed skilled nursing facility placement.

We recognize that patients and family members facing immediate discharge from a hospital often learn only of institutional services, and are ill-equipped to investigate and access home and community-based services. Further, research has shown that supported discharge case management with post acute care leads to improved outcomes and reduced rehospitalizations.

We look forward to joining you in sponsorship of AB 364, so that patients being discharged from hospitals are informed of their care options, and so that patients and their families are able to make informed decisions about their post-acute hospital care. AB 364 gives patients choices that can make all the difference in their future level of comfort and care.

Sincerely,

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Legislative Advocate