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**Capital Caring Applauds Senate Passage of Bills Supporting Advanced Illness**  
*Bipartisan legislation would improve high-quality care to those with advanced illness*

FALLS CHURCH, VA (September 27, 2017) – Capital Caring, the largest advanced illness organization in the mid-Atlantic area, applauds U.S. Senate passage today of advanced illness legislation which offers more support to Medicare beneficiaries with advanced illnesses who receive care in the home. One of the two bills also provide more support for their family caregivers.

“In the same week that the Senate chose not to vote on the Graham-Cassidy bill to repeal Obamacare, this is monumental that a bi-partisan United States Senate voted unanimously to approve this critical legislation,” said Malene Davis, MBA, MSN, RN, President and CEO of Capital Caring.

“I could not be prouder today of the bi-partisan solution that members of our U.S. Senate achieved together, by putting the needs of the patient first,” she noted. “Our Senators recognize these patients are among the most vulnerable in the country – both adults and children - with advanced and grave illnesses who are being cared for in the home.”

The bills now move to the House of Representatives for further review and action.

Davis who is active in the Coalition to Transform Advanced Care (C-TAC) gives the group great credit for its leadership and vision in working alongside others to support passage of this legislation.

The two bills are: The Creating High-Quality Results and Outcomes Necessary to Improve Chronic (CHRONIC) Care Act of 2017 and the RAISE Family Caregivers Act.

[C-TAC Press Release is here.](#)

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**About Capital Caring:** Since 1977, Capital Caring has simply improved care for those facing life-limiting illness through direct support of patients and their families, public education and advocacy. Since its inception, Capital Caring has provided hospice, palliative care, and counseling to nearly 110,000 patients and their families. Almost 800 employees and 1,000 volunteers provide these services to nearly 1,400 patients each day. As one of the nation's oldest and largest non-profit providers of hospice and palliative care, Capital Caring is proud to provide nearly \$3 million in charitable care to families in need annually. To learn more about Capital Caring, visit [www.capitalcaring.org](http://www.capitalcaring.org) or call 800-869-2136.