



## **ARN Supports the Better Care, Lower Cost Act**

The Association of Rehabilitation Nurses (ARN) is a professional nursing organization representing more than 5,300 rehabilitation nurses and more than 13,000 Certified Rehabilitation Registered Nurses (CRRN). ARN promotes and advances professional rehabilitation nursing practice through education, advocacy, collaboration, and research to enhance quality of life for those affected by disability and chronic illness.

### **Better Care, Lower Cost Act**

The *Better Care, Lower Cost Act*, was introduced by Congressman Erik Paulsen (R-MN) and Congressman Peter Welch (D-VT) on March 24, 2016. The bill would establish an integrated chronic care delivery program, or Better Care Program (BCP) to improve coordination and accountability among care providers, case managers, and social workers. The bill would help rehabilitation nurses provide the right care, at the right time, by the right providers, and in the right setting for those with chronic illness and disability.

ARN strongly supports efforts to ensure people with physical disability and chronic illness have access to comprehensive, quality care in whichever care setting is most appropriate for them. As the number of individuals affected by physical disability and/or chronic illness rises, a focus on improving the care provided to chronically ill Medicare beneficiaries is critically important.

**Recommendation:** ARN supports this legislation.

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