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HCAOA Commends President Biden’s Signing of the Dole Act to Strengthen Healthcare and Benefits for Veterans and Their Caregivers

Washington, D.C. (January 3, 2025) – The Home Care Association of America (HCAOA) applauds President Biden's signing of the *Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act*, a transformative step toward enhancing healthcare and resources for veterans and their caregivers.

The passage of this legislation is the culmination of years of advocacy by HCAOA as well as dedicated bipartisan work to address gaps in services for veterans. HCAOA recognizes the leadership of lawmakers who championed the bill and calls for continued investment in home-based care solutions that empower veterans to live well at home.

This legislation, named in honor of Senator Elizabeth Dole’s unwavering advocacy for military families, addresses critical needs by expanding access to job training for transitioning veterans, strengthening mental health services for family caregivers, and improving healthcare options for elderly veterans who choose to remain at home.

A pivotal component of this Act **increases the expenditure cap for non-institutional care alternatives such as home care from 65% to 100%**. This adjustment enables veterans to receive comprehensive home-based care equivalent in cost to institutional care, promoting veteran independence. Notably, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is authorized to approve expenditures exceeding 100% for veterans with conditions such as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) or spinal cord injuries, ensuring that those with the most significant needs receive the support they deserve.

“HCAOA stands in strong support of this legislation, which reaffirms our nation’s commitment to honoring and supporting those who have served our country,” said HCAOA CEO Jason Lee. “By strengthening home-based care options, this bill ensures that veterans’ preferred care setting is recognized and respected.”

Veterans often face complex medical challenges, making robust support for their caregivers indispensable. The Dole Act bolsters services that help caregivers, including respite care and mental health programs, to prevent burnout and ensure continuity of care.

As the nation's leading voice for home care, HCAOA will continue advocating for policies that reinforce the role of home care providers in delivering essential support to America's heroes and their families.

About Home Care Association of America (HCAOA)

Founded in 2002, the [Home Care Association of America \(HCAOA\)](#) is the industry's leading trade association for home care providers. It represents the industry's unified voice in Washington, DC, and state governments nationwide. HCAOA represents more than 4,300 agencies across the United States.

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