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Senator Michael Moore Makes a Home Care Visit

AUBURN - Many home care patients would agree that there's no place like home, especially after recovering from a surgery or illness.

Auburn VNA Health Network (AVHN) makes it possible for many people in our communities to benefit from home health care to enjoy a better quality of life, whether it's post recovering from illness, or through the normal course of life. Having the assistance of a home care nurse, physical therapist, occupational therapist, or home health aide promotes healing in the comfort of a familiar environment.

In November, Auburn VNA Health Network celebrated National Home Care Appreciation Month. In an effort to increase awareness and continue advocacy at a state level, the agency invited local politicians to join their field staff on a home visit to experience what it is like to receive care at home and how beneficial it is in saving the state money. Home care services can decrease the chance of re-hospitalization, provide consistency in care, increase the frequency of health monitoring and enhance communications with physicians and health care providers.

Senator Michael Moore accepted the Agency's invitation and joined Auburn VNA Health Network on a recent home visit, where he was very engaged. Senator Moore expressed interest in learning the cost difference between a facility stay versus a nursing visit, as well as the effects that pending legislation may have on the home care industry.

“Participating in a home visit with Auburn VNA Health Network was a great opportunity to see firsthand the incredible work done by the Agency,” said Senator Michael Moore. “Going into a patient's home gives you a greater appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the staff at Auburn VNA.”

The interaction between the patient and AVHN's nurse, Karyn Swaney, was one of camaraderie and respect. The patient diligently listened to the nurse's recommendations and appreciated the extra effort Karyn made in writing her medication list and questions for the next doctor's visit in larger print. The patient stated how grateful she was to have her two nurses visit her often and monitor her health status on a regular basis.

For more information on *Auburn VNA Health Network, Inc.* visit www.avhn.org or call 508-791-0081. *Auburn VNA Health Network* is a non-profit home health care organization. AVHN is a trusted home care resource throughout Central MA and has been providing community nursing, therapy and support services since 1919. The agency is located at 191 Pakachoag Street, Auburn.

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