



## Bring the Vote Home How-To Guide

Bring the Vote Home was launched to enable home healthcare beneficiaries, clinicians, and family members to exercise their right to vote and participate in elections in the future.

### Steps to Get Involved:

**Step 1:** Go to <http://www.bringthevotehome.org/>, click on your state, and access your state's voter and absentee registration forms.

**Step 2:** Print out the following documents for your patients' state of residence:

- The one-page How-To Guide
- Voter registration forms
- Absentee ballot request form (if available)

**Step 3:** Distribute the forms to your staff for them and their family members to fill out and make the forms available to patients and their families by including them in the admissions packet.

**Step 4:** As state law permits, mail the completed registration form and/or absentee ballot to the proper authority.

### DO NOT:

- Recommend, endorse, or encourage support for one candidate or party over another
- Tell the people you're registering which party to register under or who to vote for.
- Coordinate activities with a candidate, campaign, or political party.
- Target your registration efforts toward any particular ideological group, party, or issue.

### DO:

- Encourage colleagues, patients, and family members to register to vote and, if eligible, to request an absentee ballot.
- Explain and emphasize the importance of voting and how easily it can be done from home.
- Encourage colleagues, patients, and family members to visit the Bring the Vote Home website to learn more about home healthcare.

**Important:** You must also make sure to include the following statement to those you are registering or helping vote:

**Our voter registration services are available without regard to the voter's political preference. Information and other assistance regarding registering or voting, including transportation and other services offered, shall not be withheld or refused on the basis of support for or opposition to particular candidates or a particular party.**

Potential registrants will likely have many questions. Please refer to this guide and the Bring the Vote Home website for help answering these questions. If you do not know the answer to their question, provide them with the contact information of your local election office.

### Absentee Ballot Voting:

Once a homebound patient has registered to vote, they should receive confirmation of their registration in the mail. At that time, they may request an absentee ballot in accordance with applicable state law, which you will be able to check through Bring the Vote Home and send it back to the appropriate office. Note: deadlines and specific rules vary by state -- consult the Bring the Vote Home website for your state's information.

## **FAQ for New Hampshire**

### **May the caregiver encourage the beneficiary to register to vote?**

Yes.

### **May the caregiver's company or Bring the Vote Home obtain voter registration forms to disseminate to its members or providers?**

Yes, however, not everyone is qualified to register to vote by mail. Everyone is required to register in person at their town or city's clerk office, at their community's Supervisors of the Checklist, or at their polling location on Election Day. The beneficiary may only register by mail if they are unable to do so in person due to person because of physical disability, religious beliefs, military service, or because of temporary absence. If registering by mail, the beneficiary must also complete an absentee voter registration affidavit in addition to a standard voter registration form, which also needs to be signed by a witness.

### **May the caregiver provide the beneficiary with a voter registration form?**

Yes.

### **May the caregiver assist the beneficiary with completing the voter registration application?**

Yes. If the beneficiary is unable to sign the form, then the beneficiary will need to make a mark in the place of a signature, and the caregiver must also sign the form as a witness.

### **May the caregiver mail the completed voter registration form?**

Yes.

### **May the caregiver's company collect and send in completed voter registration forms in bulk?**

No. If the beneficiary is registering by mail, then they must submit both their voter registration form and the absentee voter registration affidavit directly to their town or city clerk.

### **May the caregiver encourage the beneficiary to vote?**

Yes.

### **May the caregiver encourage the beneficiary to vote by absentee?**

Yes, if the beneficiary has a physical disability that prevents them from voting at the polling place, then they may request an absentee ballot.

### **If qualified to vote by absentee ballot, may the caregiver provide the absentee ballot request form?**

Yes.

### **May the caregiver assist the beneficiary with completing the absentee ballot request form?**

Yes. If the beneficiary is unable to sign the form, then the beneficiary will need to make a mark in the place of a signature, and the caregiver must also sign the form as a witness.

### **May the caregiver mail the completed absentee ballot request form?**

Yes.

### **May the caregiver assist the beneficiary with voting on the absentee ballot?**

Yes. The caregiver must also sign the absentee ballot attesting to providing assistance to the beneficiary.

**Must the submitted absentee ballot form include a copy of the voter's photo identification?**

No.

**May the caregiver mail the completed absentee ballot?**

Yes.