



Butterfield visits G.C. home health patient

Without home health care, Snow Hill resident Thelma Coppedge believes she would be in a nursing home. On Monday, Sept. 14, she shared her story with Rep. G.K. Butterfield during a home visit.

Joined by LeAnne Avery, a nurse with Greene Regional Home Health, Butterfield got a firsthand opportunity to better understand the services and importance of home health care.

Born with spinal bifida, Coppedge is wheelchair-bound and needs assistance with the activities of daily living. She said she is glad

the home under Medicare.

Avery explained to Butterfield that home health care not only benefits patients who prefer staying at home, but provides significant cost savings for Medicare and other payer sources.

"A study released in May of this year by Avalere Health showed significant cost savings when Medicare patients with diabetes, chronic lung disease or congestive heart failure used home health care after being discharged from a hospital," Avery said. The study can be found at: <http://www.avalerehealth.net/wm/show>.



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North Carolina Rep. G.K. Butterfield (D-1st) with home health patient Thelma Coppedge and LeAnne Avery, registered nurse from Greene Regional Home Health, Snow Hill.

health care and understands its many benefits.

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of North Carolina and certified by the Medicare and Medicaid programs since