

Planning Beyond the Will

Assisted Living & Nursing Homes



Facilities

1. Do you like the location?
Yes No
2. Do you like the overall size of the facility?
Yes No
3. Is the layout easy to navigate and get around?
Yes No
4. Is the layout easy to remember?
Yes No
5. Could you get around easily with a walker and/or wheelchair?
Yes No
6. Are the doorways wide enough to accommodate a walker and/or wheelchair?
Yes No
7. Are there stairs?
Yes No
8. Are there elevators?
Yes No
9. Is there an outdoor area?
Yes No
10. Are the common areas clean and well maintained?
Yes No
11. Does the facility have a clean and pleasant smell?
Yes No
12. Are there any nurse's stations?
Yes No
13. If so, where are they located?
14. Do you like the layout of the living quarters?
Yes No

15. Are the options for living quarters, including size, what you desire?

Yes No

16. Do the private living quarters have the features you require (i.e., kitchen, handrails, patio, etc.)?

Services

1. Do they offer activities you're interested in?

Yes No

2. Do they have any special clubs you'd like to join?

Yes No

3. Do they offer any religious services on site?

Yes No

4. Do they offer transportation services?

Yes No

5. If so, is the transportation scheduled, on-demand, or both?

6. Do they provide housekeeping services for your room?

Yes No

7. If so, is there an extra cost or is it included?

8. Do they provide laundry services?

Yes No

Staff

1. Do the people working there seem warm and friendly?

Yes No

2. Does the interaction between staff and the residents seem caring?

Yes No

3. Do the staff members appear to know the residents' names?

Yes No

4. Does the staff seem helpful and attentive?

Yes No

5. Do any of the staff members have special training?

Yes No

6. If so, what type of special training?
7. How do the staff members handle problems like wandering, getting lost, disorientation, and agitation?
8. Do the residents get the same caregivers on a daily basis or does it rotate?
9. What level of training is required for the staff members?
10. Are background checks performed on all staff to ensure no one has been found guilty of any abuse or fraud?
Yes No
11. What is staff turnover like?

Medical Care

1. Is assistance provided with medication?
Yes No
2. What degree of medical care does the facility provide?
3. Would you have to move to another facility at some point?
Yes No
4. If so, at what point would that be?
5. How are non-emergency medical situations handled?
6. How are emergency medical situations handled?
7. How are visits with your primary care doctor scheduled/handled?
8. How are visits with any required specialists scheduled/handled?

Meals

1. Do they offer a meal plan?
Yes No
2. If yes, is there only one option or do they have multiple?
3. Do they accommodate dietary needs and/or restrictions?
Yes No
4. Can you have meals delivered to your room?
Yes No
5. Can non-residents join you for meals?
Yes No
6. If so, how much advance notice is required?
7. Is alcohol ever served or offered?
Yes No
8. Are snacks between meals provided?
Yes No

Culture

1. Do current residents seem happy and comfortable?
Yes No
2. Do the residents socialize with each other?
Yes No
3. Do the residents look well groomed and cared for?
Yes No
4. Do events seem well attended?
Yes No
5. Do the activities seem well attended?
Yes No
6. Are you able to talk with other residents at the facility about their experience?
Yes No
7. If so, was the overall tone positive or negative?

8. Will you have your own living quarters?

Yes No

9. If you are considering sharing a room, how would they find a suitable roommate for you?

10. What happens if you don't get along?

Costs

1. Do they require a down payment?

Yes No

2. Is the down payment refundable?

Yes No

3. How much is the down payment?

4. Are there different costs for different levels of care and/or service?

Yes No

5. What is the breakdown?

6. Is the monthly rate fixed or adjustable?

Fixed Adjustable

7. If it is adjustable, what do the increases typically look like, and can examples be provided?

8. Is there a waiting list?

Yes No

9. If so, how long does it typically take to be accepted?

10. Do they accept Medicaid?

Yes No