



Alliance for Better Long Term Care

Nursing Home Checklist

Comparing services is important when looking for the facility that will best suit your needs. Use this checklist as a tool when comparing facilities.

Name of Facility _____

Basic Information

1. Medicare certified? yes no
2. Medicaid certified? yes no
3. Accepting new residents? yes no
4. Waiting period? yes no _____ how long?

Quality of Life

1. Environment is pleasant and odor-free? yes no
2. Facility appears clean, well-kept and safe? yes no
3. Noise level is generally quiet? yes no
4. Residents engage in meaningful activities? yes no
5. Facility has outdoor areas for residents to use? yes no
6. Facility maintains comfortable temperatures? yes no
7. Residents are allowed personal items/furniture? yes no
8. Residents can make choices about meals? yes no
9. Residents can make choices about daily routines? yes no
10. Residents have access to personal phone and TV? yes no
11. Facility is easy for family and friends to visit? yes no

Quality of Care

1. Facility does background checks on staff? yes no
2. Enough staff on every shift to care for residents? yes no
3. Facility offers continuing education for staff? yes no
4. Staff responds quickly to calls for help? yes no
5. Staff seem warm, polite and respectful? yes no
6. Residents are clean and properly dressed? yes no
7. Staff respond to family concerns promptly? yes no
8. There are policies and procedures for safety? yes no

Nutrition

1. Residents have a choice of food options each meal? yes no
2. Staff is available to assist residents with eating? yes no
3. The food smells and looks good? yes no
4. The food is served at proper temperatures? yes no
5. Resident's weight is routinely monitored? yes no
6. Nutritious snacks are available during the day/evening? yes no
7. The dining room encourages socializing and relaxation? yes no
8. Water pitchers and glasses are available in rooms? yes no

Safety

1. Exits are clearly marked? yes no
2. Are there handrails in the hallways? yes no
3. Are there grab bars in the bathrooms? yes no
4. Hallways are free of clutter and well-lit? yes no
5. Facility has smoke detectors and sprinklers? yes no
6. Spills and other accidents are cleaned up quickly? yes no
7. Residents get preventive care such as flu shots? yes no
8. Facility has arrangements with nearby hospitals? yes no
9. Facility has corrected deficiencies on its last inspection? yes no
10. Facility has no repeat deficiencies? yes no
11. Care plan meetings are held at convenient times for residents and family members to attend? yes no
12. Facility has a resident or family council? yes no

Learn more about nursing home quality by visiting the following websites:

www.medicare.gov *offers information from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on how well residents' physical and clinical needs are met*

www.healthri.org *the Rhode Island Department of Health provides survey information on nursing home administration, nursing, resident rights, food service and environment*

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