

Nursing Home Selection Checklist

1st Home	2nd Home	3rd Home	Question:
			Is the home located near primary support persons?
			Does the home provide the level of care needed, i.e. skilled, intermediate or assisted?
			If needed, is the home certified for Medicare and/or Medicaid participation?
			Can residents stay if their status changes to Medicaid?
			Is there a waiting period for admittance?
			What are the admission criteria?
			Discuss the admission contract and all services and charges. Are financial and other important matters (refunds, etc.) specified?
			What are the visiting hours? Are there any restrictions for residents or visitors?
			What deficiencies were found at the annual license survey? Is there a plan for correction?
			Is the facility free of odor and generally clean, neat and well-maintained?
			Are nurse and emergency call buttons located and operated at each resident's bed and bathroom facilities?
			Is there adequate privacy?
			Is there a lounge where residents can relax away from their own rooms?
			Do residents, other visitors and volunteers speak favorably about the home? Feel free to ask residents and families visiting how they like the home.
			Is the atmosphere and attitude of the staff members warm and pleasant?
			Do residents look well cared for and generally content?
			Are residents allowed to wear their own clothes, decorate their rooms and keep their own belongings?
			Does the home have adequately trained staff to respond to call buttons when residents need help?
			Is a program of physical and other therapies available for residents who need it?
			Does the home have a varied program of recreational activities for residents?
			Are activities offered for residents who are relatively inactive or confined to their rooms?
			Do residents have an opportunity to attend religious services and talk with clergy?
			Are laundry services, personal care items and medications included in the daily room charge?