

Assisted Living Residence Comparison Checklist			
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General			
Is the AL residence conveniently located for visits from family and friends?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Are visiting hours open?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Is the residence convenient to a local hospital?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Does the residence have a history of excellent health care surveys?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Is the residence near shopping and entertainment areas?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Are pets allowed to live in the residence? If so, are there additional fees?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Are residents able to have overnight visitors in their apartments?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Can residents have automobiles?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Is additional storage space available? Is there an additional fee?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Care			
Is there an emergency response system?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Do residents appear well-groomed?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Do residents appear comfortable and “at-home”?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Are residents willing to share their opinion of the residence?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Observe staff and resident interaction. Are they positive and courteous?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Is there a written service plan for each resident?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
What happens when the care needs change for a resident or they require a different level of care?			
Resident apartments			
Is there a variety of floor plans?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Are a refrigerator and microwave provided?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Is there ample closet space?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Is the bathroom spacious enough to accommodate a wheelchair?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Are residents permitted to hang items on the walls?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
If it is necessary to use furnishings belonging to the	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No

residence, is there a fee for that?			
Environment			
Are the grounds attractive and well-kept?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Is the residence clean and odor free?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Is the décor attractive and inviting?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Is the noise level acceptable?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Are there private gathering areas where residents can entertain?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Dining services			
Do residents have a choice of menu items at every meal?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Is a daily menu in view?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Is there a choice of dining areas?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Is there a choice of dining times for each meal?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Can special dietary needs be accommodated?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Activities			
Is there an area designated for activities?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Does the activity calendar reflect a varied and stimulating selection of activities?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Is transportation available for resident outings?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Do residents have a voice in activity programming and how is this accomplished?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Is there an active resident council?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Costs and fees			
What is included in the basic monthly cost? Ask for a written copy.			
Are rates based on an all-inclusive level of care?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Are rates based on fee for service?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Does the residence have a written schedule of fees for extra services? If so, request a copy.	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Is there a security deposit?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
What is the refund policy?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Are advanced payments returned if the resident leaves the residence?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Are there extra charges for the following: medication management	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No

blood sugar monitoring	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
use of oxygen	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
dressing	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
grooming	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
bathing/showering	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
bathroom assistance	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
incontinence care	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
ambulate	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
reminders due to memory impairment	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
transportation	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
schedule of appointments	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
<i>Services</i>			
Are there professional nursing services on-site?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Are the services of a physical, occupational or speech therapist available?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Does the residence provide bed linens and towels?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Does the residence provide laundry services?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Are there salon services available on-site?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No