# **Important Questions** to Ask on Your Assisted Living Tour

DOES THIS COMMUNITY OFFER EVERYTHING MY LOVED ONE NEEDS?

Use this helpful checklist to compare the community features that are most important to you, and to ensure you are getting at the true cost of each community.

The **(\$\$)** symbol is there to help remind you to ask if the community charges an extra fee for these services.

### **ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITIES VISITED:**

#1	
#2	
#3	

#### **UNDERSTANDING COST & VALUE**

			#1	#2	#3
1.	WHAT IS YOUR PRICING STRUCTURE?	Care Options / Packages Minute-by-Minute Points Based Pricing All-Inclusive Care			
2.	WHAT UPFRONT FEES CAN I EXPECT?	Entrance Fee / Buy-In Community Fee Application Fee Deposit First/Last Month			
3.	<b>HOW WILL MY BILL CHANGE IN THE FIRST YEAR?</b> (Ask for a list of anticipated fees.)	1.			
		2.			
		3.			
4.	HOW OFTEN CAN I EXPECT RATE INCREASES?	3 Months 6 Months 1 Year OTHER: OTHER:			
5.	WHAT HAPPENS WHEN MY LOVED ONE USES UP THE TIME ALLOTTED WITHIN THEIR TIER? (For points system pricing)	1.			
		2.			
		3.			

6.	WHAT (IF ANY) FINANCIAL PROGRAMS MAY I BE ELIGIBLE FOR?	Low Income Housing Tax Credit Financial Scholarships Group Adult Foster Care Program (GAFC) Elder Service Plan Limited Subsidies Long Term Care Insurance (LTCI) Mass Development Medicaid Moderate Income Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)		
		Section 8 Senior Whole Health Shelter Plus Care Subsidies Supplemental Security Income (SSIG) Veterans Aid and Attendance		
7.	IF MY LOVED ONE TRANSITIONS FROM PRIVATE PAY TO A FINANCIAL PROGRAM, DO THEY HAVE TO MOVE TO A DIFFERENT APARTMENT?	1.		
		2.		
		3.		

# **Additional Notes:**

#### DOES THIS COMMUNITY OFFER THE SERVICES MY LOVED ONE NEEDS?

			#1	#2	#3
8.	IS THERE A SHORT-TERM OR TRIAL STAY OPTION?	1.			
	Be sure to ask if there a minimum length of stay for short term & trial stay options!	2.			
		3.			
9.	WHAT IS INCLUDED IN MY MONTHLY FEE? Be sure to ask for a list of optional services that are either not included in any kind of package and/or are on an à la carte basis.	Personal care (Help w/ daily activities) Medication Management Service Overnight safety checks Safety Escorts Enhanced therapeutic dietary service Laundry service Weekly housekeeping Routine transferring Health Assessment Development of Individual Service Plan Phone & Cable Internet			
10.	WHAT TYPES OF MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION OPTIONS DOES THIS COMMUNITY OFFER? Be sure to ask what type of medication delivery options are available through the community.	Resident managed Family filled Caregiver Assistance Nurse Administration Outside provider			
10.	WHAT SERVICES COULD A RESIDENT NEED THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO BRING IN FROM OUTSIDE?	Temporary Agency Skilled Nursing Podiatry Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy Speech Therapy OTHER:			
11.	DOES THIS COMMUNITY OFFER PROGRAMS / SERVICES TO HELP RESIDENTS AGE IN PLACE?	Specialized Diets Medication Management Continence Management Memory Care / Special Care			
12.	WHAT ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES DOES THE COMMUNITY OFFER FOR	Elevators Ramps			

Safety Grab Bars in the Bathroom INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, SHOULD MY LOVED ONE NEED IT? 1. 13. WHAT KIND OF TRAINING PROGRAMS **DO YOU HAVE FOR STAFF?** 2. 3. 1. 14. DO RESIDENTS LOOK HAPPY AND ENGAGED? 2. 3.

### YOUR APARTMENT, PROGRAMMING & DINING

			#1	#2	#3
15.	WHAT APARTMENT TYPES DOES THIS COMMUNITY OFFER?	Studio One Bedroom Two Bedroom Companion / Shared Memory Support / Special Care			
16.	DOES THE COMMUNITY HAVE ALL THE LATEST SAFETY & SECURITY FEATURES?	Pull cord Pendant (included) Pendant <b>(\$\$)</b> Cameras Guest Sign-in			
17.	WHAT MEALS ARE INCLUDED IN MY PACKAGE?	Breakfast Lunch Dinner			
18.	DOES THE DINING PROGRAM SUIT MY LOVED ONE'S NEEDS AND PREFERENCES?	Menu Variety Chef-Created Recipes & Menus Special Diet (included) Special Diet <b>(\$\$)</b> Anytime Dining Physician Ordered/Therapeutic Diet <b>(\$\$)</b>			
19.	DOES THE COMMUNITY OFFER TRANSPORTATION SERVICES?	Community Activities Medical Appointments On-Demand Transportation <b>(\$\$)</b>			

20.	SPECIALIZED PROGRAMMING, SOCIAL GROUPS, EXERCISE CLASSES	1.
	& ENTERTAINMENT	2.
		3.
21.	DESCRIBE THIS COMMUNITY'S OUTDOOR AMENITIES	1.
		2.
		3.
22.	WHAT MAKES THIS COMMUNITY STAND OUT FROM OTHERS?	1.
	OUT FROM UTHERS:	2.
		3.

# **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS**

23.	Notes:
24.	Notes:
25.	Notes:
26.	Notes:
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# **ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

Assisted Living #1:

Assisted Living #2:

Assisted	Living	#3:
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