



## CHOOSING A NURSING HOME CHECKLIST

### Questions to Ask

Is the nursing home accepting new residents? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Is it easy to visit for family and friends? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Does the nursing home use hospitals where my doctor practices? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Is the level of services I need available? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Does the nursing home have a variety of activities I might enjoy? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do residents appear clean and well groomed? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do the residents have the same staff on a daily basis? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

• Is there enough staff available to assist residents? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

• Does the staff respond quickly to residents' calls for help? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Does the nursing home have a resident and/or family council? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Is the nursing home clean and pleasant? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Have Medicare and/or Medicaid certified the facility? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are the nursing home and administrator licensed? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

How much is the cost of care in this nursing home? \_\_\_\_\_

• What services are included in this price? \_\_\_\_\_

• What additional costs will I have to pay? \_\_\_\_\_

Ask to see the nursing home's last annual state inspection report. Did the report find any problems? Ask how the problems were fixed.