

Evaluate Care Facilities

Facility Name

Address

Contact

Dates Visited Time of Day

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General

Yes No

Is the facility licensed and certified by Medicare and/or Medicaid?

Has the license ever been revoked?

Is the facility accepting new patients?

If not, what is the waiting period for new admissions?

Does the facility conduct background checks on all staff members?

How many licensed nurses are on duty each shift?

RNs LPNs

What is the patient-to-staff ratio?

Nurse-to-patient Aide-to-patient

Does the facility have an active family council?

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What is the visiting policy?

What is the discharge policy?

Safety

Yes No

Do rooms and bathrooms have grab bars and call buttons?

Are hallways and common areas well lit?

Do the hallways have handrails?

Are there security and fire systems?

Are there safety locks on the doors and windows?

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Care

Yes No

- Does the facility appear and smell clean?
- Are residents bathed and well groomed?
- Do staff members interact well with residents?
- Do residents participate in activities and exercise?
- Do residents have the same caregivers on a daily basis?
- Do the staff members respond quickly to calls for help?
- Does the food look, smell, and taste good?
- Is there a variety of meals, and do residents have choices at mealtimes?
- Are nutritious snacks available throughout the day and evening?
- Are the residents who need help eating and drinking receiving it?
- Is physical therapy available for as long as the resident needs it?
- Are the staff members well trained to deal with dementia?
- Are there units or programs for special needs such as Alzheimer's?

Quality of Life

Yes No

- Is there a residents' "bill of rights" posted?
- Do staff members knock before entering a resident's room?
- Are doors shut when the staff members dress and bathe a resident?
- Does the nursing home meet cultural, religious, or language needs?
- Does the facility provide outdoor areas?
- Are residents allowed to make choices about daily routines, such as when to go to bed, when to get up, when to bathe, or when to eat?
- Are residents allowed to have personal articles and furniture in their rooms?
- Are staff members friendly, considerate, and helpful?
- Does the facility have a warm, homey environment?

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