

Where to Live

What type of help does the person need? Assistance with household chores, preparing meals, and bill paying can be done easily in the person's home, while help with bathing, dressing, and eating may involve round-the-clock care and necessitate a live-in caregiver or a move.

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Does your loved one have strong community ties, a good social network, or close friends and neighbors? If so, staying home may be the best option.

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Is transportation available for shopping, appointments, and recreation? As a caregiver, can you provide this transportation?

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Is the home safe and functional for the care recipient? If not, can it be retrofitted with safety measures? Are these modifications affordable?

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How much paid home care is necessary—from a few hours each day to a live-in companion? Is this affordable?

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Can family members supplement this care? Are they able to stop in frequently and check on home aides?

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Is the care recipient able to report problems or communicate well enough to form a good relationship with a paid caregiver?

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Are there any behavioral problems that might make it difficult or impossible to retain a home aide?

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