

CHECKLIST

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS - WHAT TO LOOK FOR

BEFORE SIGNING A CONTRACT, consumers should clearly understand:

- What aspects of resident care are being assessed and who is doing the assessment? What are their credentials? Does the consumer have an opportunity to participate or challenge the results?
- Will the assessment create a change in how service is delivered?
- What staff person(s) are responsible for the service?
- What duration and frequency will the service be provided?
- What staff person will be supervising the services?

THERE MAY BE OTHER FEES associated with a stay at the assisted living:

- Entry or application fee
- Fees associated to admission to the secure unit designed specifically for persons with Alzheimer's Disease or other types of dementia
- Room holds when a resident is away for an extended period to the hospital or other health care setting.
- Private room fees
- Medication administration or packaging fee
- Leave of absence fees for packaging medication
- A pre-determined time to be a private pay resident

- An additional payment to supplement the cost for private rooms or rooms in a special care unit when a person receives State County Special Assistance
- Care fees associated with special needs such as isolation, difficult behavior, extra housekeeping if the resident is incontinent or has other health care needs
- Activity fees
- Special dietary needs may require extra fees for food preparation

Remember, that ALL charges for services should be specifically outlined in the contract/resident agreement and agreed to by both the resident and the facility. CONSUMERS SHOULD:

- Request a copy of the contract prior to admission to review the language and prepare questions.
- Keep a copy of the signed contract on hand.
- Facilities are obligated to make sure that residents and their representatives understand their rights, the language of the contract, the programs available to cover services and the limits of these programs.
- Has legal authority to handle the resident's financial affairs.
- If a resident has been declared legally incompetent, a guardian or Power of Attorney may have to sign all of the necessary papers for admittance. BEWARE mediation clauses that may ask you to waive your right to contact an attorney!

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