

Nursing Home Evaluation Checklist

Nursing Home Name: _____			
Date of Visit: _____			
Nursing Home Background	Yes	No	Comments
Medicare certified			
Medicaid certified			
Level of care needed (skilled, custodial), and if a bed is available			
Special services if needed in a separate unit (dementia, ventilator, dialysis or rehabilitation), and if a bed is available			
The nursing home is located close enough for friends and family to visit			
Review of state inspection report			
Review of complaint file			
Review list of charges for nursing home			
Review list of charges for doctor			
Given copy of resident's rights			
No arbitration agreement			
Are there beds available or is there a wait list; what is the facility's bed hold policy			
What if the resident has a medical appointment outside the home; do they provide transportation; is there a fee, if so how often and how much			

Staff			
Staff appear to be warm, polite and respectful			
Staff name tags			
Staff knock on the door before entering resident's room and refer to residents by name			
Staff background checks			
Staff know the residents by name and are recognized by them			
There is a full-time registered nurse in the nursing home at all times, other than the administrator or director of nursing			
The same team of nurses and certified nursing assistants work with the same resident 4 to 5 days per week			

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CNAs work with a reasonable number of residents			
CNAs are involved in care planning meetings			
There is a full-time social worker on			
The nursing home's management team (including the director of nursing and the administrator) have worked together for at least one year			

Resident's Rooms			
Personal belongings and/or furniture allowed in rooms			
Personal storage space (closet and drawers) in room			
Window in room			
Access to a personal telephone and television m Choice of roommate/or is a room assigned m Water pitchers accessible			
Policies and procedures to protect personal possessions			
Adequate personal privacy			

Hallways, Stairs, Lounges and Bathrooms			
Clearly marked exits			
Area for visits with friends and family			
Smoke detectors and sprinklers			
Wheelchair accessible common areas, resident rooms and doorways			
Handrails and grab bars in appropriate areas			
Is there a call button			
How many residents share a bathroom			

Nursing Home Living Spaces			
Residents are comfortable, clean, appropriately dressed and groomed			
No unpleasant odors			

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Appears clean			
The temperature is comfortable			
Noise levels			
Smoking			
Is the furniture sturdy, comfortable and clean			

Safety and Care			
What is the emergency evacuation plan and how often are there regular fire drills (bed-bound residents included)			
Do residents get preventative care (i.e. yearly flu shots) to stay healthy			
Can residents continue to see their personal physician			
Any arrangement with a nearby hospital in case of emergencies			
Are residents and family members included in care plan meetings at convenient times whenever possible			
What is the status of any deficiencies (failure to meet one or more federal or state requirements) on the nursing home's last state inspection report			
Who do I talk to if I have a concern or problem			

Menus and Food			
Meals offer choice of food items (Are your favorite foods served)			
Are snacks available upon request			
If help is needed at mealtime, is staff available and are they patient and attentive			

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Activities	Yes	No	Comments
Are activities available to all residents, including those unable to leave their rooms			
Are outdoor areas available for resident use			
Is there an active volunteer program			
What activities are provided			
Additional Notes			