

## Nursing Home Checklist

The following checklist can be used to help you compare nursing homes. You may wish to make copies for use at each home you visit — or you may use a different color of ink for each facility.

For Price Memorial, all answers in the checklist are "Yes."

Name of Nursing Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Visit: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions to ask	YES	NO	COMMENTS
The nursing home is Medicare-certified. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
The nursing home is Medicaid-certified. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
The nursing home has the level of care needed, and a bed is available. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
The nursing home has special services if needed (e.g. dementia, ventilator, or rehabilitation). ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
The nursing home is located close enough for friends and family to visit. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Residents are clean, appropriately dressed for the season or time of day, and well groomed. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
The nursing home is free from overwhelming unpleasant odors. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
The nursing home appears clean and well-kept. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
The temperature in the nursing home is comfortable for residents. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
The nursing home has good lighting. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Noise levels in the dining room and other common areas are comfortable. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Smoking is not allowed or is restricted to certain areas of the nursing home. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Furnishings are sturdy, yet comfortable and attractive. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Staff The relationship between the staff and the residents appears to be warm, polite, and respectful. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
All staff wear name tags. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Staff knock on the door before entering a resident's room and refer to residents by name. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
The nursing home offers a training and continuing education program for all staff. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
The nursing home does background checks on all staff. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
The guide on your tour knows the residents by name and is recognized by them. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
There is a full-time, qualified nurse in the nursing home at all times, other than the Administrator or Director of Nursing. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
The same team of nurses and Certified Nursing Assistants (CANs) work with the same resident 4 to 5 days per week. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
CANs work with a reasonable number of residents. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
CANs are involved in care planning meetings. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
There is a full-time social worker on staff. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
There is a licensed doctor on staff who can be reached at all times. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
The nursing home's management team has worked together for at least one year. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

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Residents may have personal belongings and/or furniture in their rooms. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Each resident has storage space (closet and drawers) in his or her room. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Each resident has a window in his or her bedroom. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Residents have access to a personal telephone and television. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Residents have a choice of roommates. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Water pitchers can be reached by residents. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
There are policies and procedures to protect resident's possessions. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Hallways, Stairs, Lounges, and Bathrooms Exits are clearly marked. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
There are quiet areas where residents can visit with friends and family. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
The nursing home has smoke detectors and sprinklers. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
All common areas, resident rooms, and doorways are designed for wheel chair use. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
There are handrails in the hallways and grab bars in the bathrooms. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Residents have a choice of food items at each meal. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Nutritious snacks are available upon request. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Staff help residents eat and drink at mealtimes if help is needed. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Residents, including those who are unable to leave their rooms, may choose to take part in a variety of activities. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
The nursing home has outdoor areas for resident use and staff help residents go outside. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Special outings are regularly arranged for shopping, dining out, and special events such as bowling and Cardinal baseball games. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
The nursing home has an emergency evacuation plan and holds regular fire drills. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Residents get preventive care, like a yearly flu shot, to help keep them healthy. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Residents may still see their personal doctors. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
The nursing home has an arrangement with a nearby hospital for emergencies. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Care plan meetings are held at times that are convenient for residents and family members to attend whenever possible. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
The nursing home has corrected all deficiencies (failure to meet one or more Federal or State requirements) on its last state inspection report. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS YOU MAY WISH TO ASK OR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

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