



Nursing Home Checklist

Name of nursing home: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Date of visit: _____

Basic Information	Yes	No	Notes
Is the nursing home Medicare certified?			
Is the nursing home Medicaid certified?			
Does the nursing home offer specialized services, like a special care unit for a resident with dementia, ventilator care or rehabilitation services?			

Resident Appearance	Yes	No	Notes
Are the residents clean, well groomed, and appropriately dressed for the season or time of day?			
Do residents appear comfortable and content?			

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Staff	Yes	No	Notes
Does the relationship between staff and residents appear to be warm, polite and respectful?			
Is there a licensed nursing staff 24 hours a day, including a Registered Nurse (RN) present at least 8 hours per day, 7 days a week?			
Is there a person on staff that will be assigned to meet my social service needs?			

Safety & Care	Yes	No	Notes
Are care planning meetings held with residents and family members at times that are convenient and flexible whenever possible?			
Does the facility have quality assurance improvement processes in place?			
Does the facility have proper equipment to care for residents such as lifts, extra wide beds, etc?			

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Menus & Food	Yes	No	Notes
Do residents have a choice of food items at each meal? (Ask if your favorite foods are served.)			
Can the nursing home provide for special dietary needs (like low-salt or no-sugar added diets)?			
Are nutritious snacks available upon request?			

Activities	Yes	No	Notes
Can residents, including those who are unable to leave their rooms, choose to take part in a variety of activities?			
Do residents help plan or choose activities that are available?			
Does the nursing home have an active volunteer program?			

Nursing Home Living Spaces	Yes	No	Notes
Is the nursing home free from overwhelming unpleasant odors?			
Does the nursing home appear clean and well kept?			
Are the noise levels in the dining room and other common areas comfortable?			
Does the nursing home have good lighting?			



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Residents' Rooms	Yes	No	Notes
Can residents have personal belongings and furniture in their rooms?			
Does each resident have storage space (closet and drawers) in his or her room?			
Does each resident have a window in his or her bedroom?			
Do residents have access to a personal phone and television?			
Are there policies and procedures to protect residents' possessions, including lockable cabinets and closet?			

Hallway, Stairs, Lounges & Bathrooms	Yes	No	Notes
Are exits clearly marked?			
Are there quiet areas where residents can visit with family and friends?			
Are the doorways designed for wheelchair use?			

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