



Adult Care Home Checklist

The following checklist can help you decide which home you or the person needing care wants to live in. Take it to the homes you visit so that you can make notes and compare the homes. Some questions may be more important to you than others.

Instructions: Fill in the answers for the following two questions.

Caregiver Questions	Home #1	Home #2	Home #3
Who is the main caregiver in the home?			
If a resident manager provides the care, how long has she/he worked in the home?			

Instructions: Answer the following questions with a "Yes" or a "No."

General Issues	Home #1	Home #2	Home #3
Does the home have a current adult foster home license posted?			
Does the home have the license classification for your care needs?			
Is the home close to family, physician, and social contacts?			
Do you like the home, yard, and furnishings?			
Does the daily routine of the home meet your lifestyle?			
Do the residents interact well with each other?			
Would you feel comfortable living with the residents and caregivers in the home?			
Do the caregivers respect the residents' privacy? (i.e., knocking on doors, not sharing personal information about residents.)			
Does the home seem comfortable to you?			
Do the other residents appear well cared for and content?			
If pets, smoking or alcohol use is allowed in the home, is that okay with you?			
Do you like the house policies and visiting hours?			
If the provider's family members are living in the home (spouse, children, relatives), is that okay with you?			
Has this owner been a licensed provider long enough for you to feel comfortable?			
Do the caregivers understand your needs?			
Will your personal choices such as religious practice be supported?			
Bedrooms	Home #1	Home #2	Home #3
Is the available bedroom private?			
If you have to share a room, is that okay with you?			

Do you like the furniture (such as bed, dresser, or lamp?)			
Can you bring your own furniture?			
Is there space to bring some of your own furniture, if you want to?			
Is phone and/or TV/cable available?			
Is phone and or TV/cable included in the cost?			
General Environment	Home #1	Home #2	Home #3
Are there smoke detectors and fire extinguishers?			
Is there good lighting throughout the home?			
Accessibility	Home #1	Home #2	Home #3
Are halls, doorways and bathrooms wide enough for walking and the use of canes, walkers or wheelchairs?			
Is there enough room in the rest of the home to use canes, walkers or wheelchairs?			
Are there objects or stairs that would make it hard for you to move around by yourself? Look inside and outside the home.			
Are ramps available for wheelchair use?			
Bathroom(s)	Home #1	Home #2	Home #3
Is it clean and odor free?			
Is it close to the bedroom?			
Does it have safety grab bars and equipment?			
Are there fans or windows for ventilation?			
Care Issues	Home #1	Home #2	Home #3
Is there an alert system between residents' bedrooms and the provider's?			
If yes, can it be turned off for privacy?			
If you have hearing or sight problems can the provider meet those needs?			
Will the provider meet night-time needs to your satisfaction?			
Are there activities offered (as a group or alone) that you would enjoy?			
Is transportation available?			
Do the providers/caregivers have experience caring for a person with your health needs?			
Are there caregivers in the home when the provider is gone (shopping, vacations, social outings, etc.)?			
Meals	Home #1	Home #2	Home #3
Do the meals and snacks appear tasty and nutritious?			
Are the residents asked what they want to eat when planning meals?			
Can special diet needs be met?			
Will meals meet your cultural, religious or food preference?			
Financial	Home #1	Home #2	Home #3

Does the provider have a private pay contract for you to review?			
Is there a fee for transportation?			
Is there a bed hold fee?			
Is there a refundable deposit for damages beyond normal wear and tear?			
Do you like the terms of the contract?			
Does the home accept Medicaid residents?			
Does the contract have a schedule of rates?			
Does the contract require an advance payment?			
Is there an acceptable refund policy?			