

Facility Quality Calculator

The Facility Quality Calculator is designed to help you evaluate the quality and safety of senior living residences. We recommend that you go over this tool with each facility that you consider.

Health and Medical:

Y / N Was the facility free of deficiencies on its last state inspection*?

Y / N Does the facility offer regular onsite physician visits?

Y / N Does the facility have a nurse on staff?

Category Score: _____

Priority Rank: _____

Food/Meals:

Y / N Are the choices on the menu appetizing (request to see the menu)?

Y / N Can the facility accommodate dietary restrictions (i.e. diabetics)?

Y / N Does the facility work with a dietician in planning meals?

Category Score: _____

Priority Rank: _____

Activities:

Y / N Does the facility have daily planned activities (view activity calendar)?

Y / N Do residents have access to a senior center or onsite social/activity center?

Y / N Does the facility offer outings to events or places of interest?

Category Score: _____

Priority Rank: _____

Amenities & Services:

Y / N Does the facility provide transportation services?

Y / N Does the facility offer onsite beautician services?

Y / N Does the facility offer exercise programs?

Category Score: _____

Priority Rank: _____

Staff:

Y / N Does the facility have a low resident to caregiver ratio?

Y / N Does the facility have a 24/7 alert staff (awake staff at night)?

Y / N Does the facility have a low caregiver/staff turnover?

Category Score: _____

Priority Rank: _____

Safety:

Y / N Are the grounds safe and easy to navigate (i.e. hand rails, wide doorways, etc.)?

Y / N Are medications secured and dispensed by a state licensed caregiver?

Y / N Has the facility been accident free with respect to residents (noted on the state inspection report*)?

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Priority Rank: _____

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Calculating your score:

Assign a priority rank according to each category with 6 being the most important. Add up the yes answers in each category and multiply the sum, maximum of 3, by the rank you assigned to that category. Place the answer under category score.

When you are done calculating the score for each category, add up all 6 category scores. The maximum total score is 63.

Total Score: _____

63 to 57

This facility is very well suited to the qualities and attributes that are important to you in a home. Most, if not all, of the amenities and services that you are looking for are found at this residence.

56 to 50

This facility does not possess all of the qualities and attributes that are important to you. Look over the questions in which you answered no and ask yourself how important these issues are to you. Are they things that would negatively impact the elder's quality of life? Would these amenities and services enrich his or her life if they were available? If so, you may want to keep looking. There are a lot of good senior living residences that may be better suited to your needs.

Less than 50

This facility may not be the place for your loved one. Many of the qualities and attributes that you are looking for in a home are not present. Keep looking; there may be residences in a similar price range that are better suited to your needs.

Additional Considerations:

Review thoroughly the Resident's Agreement/Contract.

Discuss any additional fees not included in the monthly base rate (i.e. move-in fees, transportation fees, additional care fees).

Ask the facility management for references from residents and their family members.

** The state inspects all assisted living facilities on a regular basis. Reports on each facility's state inspections are located at the facility and with the Arizona Department of Health. These reports are available to you upon request. For more information, contact the Arizona Department of Health Services at (602) 364-2639.*

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