

Supplementary Nursing Home Check List

The main check list is taken from that supplied by Medicare. This Supplement is taken in part from that drawn up by AARP. These are designed to assist you in making the necessary comparisons but may not be completely exhaustive. You may well find other things about each home that will please or displease you about them.

Yes? No?

Does the facility have a good reputation as a nursing home?

Is the facility known for having problems with the state licensing agency?

Have residents or their families filed a lot of complaints against the nursing home?

Can residents get physical therapy on site when they need it?

Are there enough nursing assistants to give residents the care and personal attention they need?

Are staff friendly, considerate and helpful?

Is the food good? Are meals served at the right temperature?

Do nursing assistants always provide necessary routine care, such as grooming, range motion exercises and turning and repositioning residents who cannot move without help?

Are residents treated gently and with dignity when bathing?

Does the nursing home provide any special medical or other services your loved one needs?

Are there always enough linens and other supplies?

Yes? No?

Are families concerned about unexpected fee increases or charges for supplies or services?

If your loved one will need Medicaid now or in the future, does the nursing home treat residents who receive Medicaid the same as those who pay privately?

Is the “quality of life” good – such things as choice of food at meals and which clothes to wear, a home-like environment or interesting activities?

**Is there an active, independent family council where families can discuss their concerns and recommendations for change?
An active, independent residents’ council?**

What are some especially good things about this facility?

List any special concerns that may need more investigation:
