

NURSING HOME CHECKLIST

Name of Nursing Home: _____ Date of Visit: _____

	Yes	No	Comments
BASIC INFORMATION			
The nursing home is Medicare-certified			
The nursing home is Medicaid-certified			
The nursing home has the level of care needed. (e.g. skilled, custodial), and a bed is available.			
The nursing home has special services if needed (e.g. dementia or rehabilitation), and a bed is available.			
The nursing home is located close enough for friends and family to visit.			
RESIDENT APPEARANCE			
Residents are clean, appropriately dressed for the season or time of day, and well groomed			
NURSING HOME LIVING SPACES			
The nursing home is free from overwhelming unpleasant odors.			
The nursing home appears clean and well-kept.			
The temperature in the nursing home is comfortable for residents.			
The nursing home has good lighting.			
Noise level in the dining room and other common areas are comfortable.			
Smoking is not allowed or may be restricted to certain areas of the nursing home.			
Furnishings are sturdy, yet comfortable and attractive.			

STAFF			
The relationship between the staff and the residents appears to be warm, polite, and respectful.			
All staff wear name tags.			
Staff knock on the door before entering a resident's room and refer to residents by name.			
The nursing home does background checks on all staff.			
The guide on your tour knows the residents by name and is recognized by them.			
There is a full-time Registered Nurse (RN) in the nursing home at all times, other than the Administrator or Director of Nursing			
The same team of nurses and Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA's) work with the same resident 4 or 5 days per week.			
CNA's work with a reasonable number of residents.			
CNA's are involved in care planning meetings.			
There is a full-time social worker on staff.			
There is a licensed doctor on staff. If he or she there daily? Can he or she be reached at all times?			
The nursing home's management team has worked together for at least one year.			
RESIDENTS ROOMS			
Exits are clearly marked.			
There are quiet areas where residents can visit with friends and family.			
The nursing home has smoke detectors and sprinklers.			
All common areas, resident rooms, and doorways are designed for wheelchair use.			
There are handrails in the hallways and grab bars in the bathrooms.			

MENUS and FOOD			
Residents have a choice of food items at each meal. (Ask if your favorite foods are served)			
Nutritious snacks are available upon request.			
Staff help residents eat and drink at mealtimes if needed.			
ACTIVITIES			
Residents, including those who are unable to leave their rooms, may choose to take part in a variety of activities.			
The nursing home has outdoor areas for resident use and staff help residents go outside.			
The nursing home has an active volunteer program.			
SAFETY AND CARE			
The nursing home has an emergency evacuation plan and holds regular fire drills.			
Residents get preventative care, like a yearly flu shot, to help keep them healthy.			
Residents may still see their personal doctors.			
The nursing home has an arrangement with a nearby hospital for emergencies.			
Care plan meetings are held at times that are convenient for residents and family members to attend whenever possible.			
The nursing home has corrected all deficiencies (failure to meet one or more Federal or State requirements) on its last state inspection report.			
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:			