

Your CCRC Checklist

If you are planning a visit or call to a CCRC, you probably already know there will be a lot of information to process. Fortunately for you, we're here to help you make the most of your research!

If you are looking into your options, you likely have lots of questions. This handy checklist will help you cover all of your bases. If you are comparing communities, print this checklist for each and start the search for your perfect lifestyle!

Community Name:

Physical Space & Accomodations

- Overall attractiveness and upkeep of buildings and grounds
- Full-size appliances in each residence
- Utilities (electricity, water, telephone, television, heating, air conditioning) and how they are paid
- Your ability to make aesthetic changes to the home to fit your personal style
- Private outdoor space, such as a balcony or patio
- Garage or designated parking space
- Walking paths or park-like areas for your use
- Visitor and/or guest policy
- Whether or not pets are allowed in the community
- Emergency call system in each residence 24-hour security
- Community rooms that can be used for family gatherings

Financial Structure

- Local or out-of-state ownership
- For-profit or not-for-profit
- Financial security of the owner
- Length of time in operation
- Community's mission statement or operating philosophy
- Kinds of contracts the community offers
- Entrance fees and refund options
- Future projects or initiatives planned for the community that could impact your costs

Services & Amenities

- Meal and dining: hours, number of meals, type of meal services available
- Exercise area and indoor pool
- Location of community convenient to family, friends, churches, stores, and hospitals
- Building maintenance, lawn care and home repair included in your monthly fee Transportation services
- Calendar of events
- Religious services to attend
- Volunteer opportunities to engage in and/or committees and groups of interest to you
- Relationship to greater community through partnership or shared initiatives
- Cultural or inter-generational opportunities
- New resident transition process

Health Care Now & In the Future

- Resident priority access to higher-level care and services
- Clinic or nurse on campus available for questions or simple services
- Assisted and skilled nursing care availability if/when needed
- Fee structure as you need more care
- Special secure residence for those with memory impairment
- Pastoral care or support groups available to residents
- Rehab staff on campus