

Guide to Assisted Living



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What is Assisted Living?

Housing, exercise, fun, personal support, and care.

According to the <u>American Seniors Housing</u> <u>Association</u>, assisted living communities give older adults personalized care, socialization, intellectual stimulation, in a residential setting. Assisted Living is referred to by different names in different states. Generally nationwide, when evaluating an assisted living community one can expect to be offered the following services:

- Three meals a day served in a common dining area
- Housekeeping services
- 3. Transportation
- 4. Access to health and medical services
- 5. Assistance with eating, bathing, dressing, toileting, and walking
- 6. 24/7 security and staff availability
- 7. Emergency call system for each resident's home
- 8. Health promotion and exercise programs
- 9. Palliative care for serious or life-threatening illness
- 10. Medication reminders
- 11. Personal laundry services
- 12. Social and recreational activities

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Our focus is serving seniors everyday with integrity and understanding. Our Home Equity Line of Credit (HELOC) can bridge you to the community of your choice!

Why Assisted Living?

According to the American Seniors Housing Association, the Quality of Life in Assisted Living Survey found encouraging news. When seniors moved into assisted some living, 87% of residents and 78% of family members reported being satisfied or very satisfied with their overall experience in the community. These communities are for seniors whose health or well-being requires a higher level of support, which is determined through health the community according by state assessment regulations. Assisted living also provides a healthy lifestyle and social engagement.

What Assisted Living is Not.

Assisted living is definitely not the same as skilled nursing or nursing home care. In a skilled nursing facility, residents receive full-time care by a specially trained medical staff. These facilities are licensed by Medicare and/or Medicaid and are focused on short-term rehabilitation and long-term medical care.

The Benefits of Socialization.



of well-being and happiness are the ones that are physically active, have opportunities to socialize and exercise.

There is safety and peace of mind that comes with community living where services are thoughtfully designed and delivered to you as you need them to ensure a safe and active lifestyle. Being surrounded by your peers provides stimulation, a sense of belonging, in addition to the intellectual engagement promoted by meaningful excursions, hobbies, and the social life that naturally develops when being with friends. Social isolation, especially for widowed seniors, impacts health greatly. Thriving Assisted Living communities can be just the answer.



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Costs

Assisted Living Communities may charge in slightly different ways for their services. But generally, the fees include:

- (1) a base monthly service fee (some communities may refer to is as rent)
- (2) levels of care depending on healthcare needs after a health assessment and
- (3) a la carte services for you to choose from.

Together, these three buckets make for your total monthly service fee cost.

In addition, many communities charge a one-time non-refundable deposit frequently equal to one-month's rent or service fee.



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Support 24/7

The most common assisted living services offered include medication management and assistance with Activities of Daily Living or ADLs These may include bathing, dressing and grooming. Housekeeping, meals, laundry transportation services, as well as social programs and activities, are typically included. Staff is available 24/7 to help with safety, care and support. Residents are encouraged to bring furniture and personal items to make their new home feel, well, like home.

Have you Done the Math? The costs of staying home.

	Home	Assisted Living
Monthly Service Fees		\$
Property Taxes & Insurance	\$	Included
Groceries & Utilities (water, gas, etc.)	\$	Included
Phone, Internet, alarm system	\$	Included
Transportation	\$	Included
Lawn Care and Snow Removal	\$	Included
Interior Maintenance	\$	Included
Exterior Maintenance	\$	Included
Total	\$	

Content courtesy of the American Seniors Housing Association and their family website, www.whereyoulivematters.org.

We thank the Association for allowing us to share this information from their website and encourage you to visit the site as well. The above table can be found by clicking here.

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