

### *Questions & Considerations Before Signing a Residency Agreement*

It is important to understand what services are included in the basic monthly fee, and what services will incur additional costs. In Nursing Homes most services are required to be covered by the facility. This may vary in private-pay situations. In Assisted Living, additional fees are frequently charged per the services provided.

Use the following list of common services to get a sense of a specific assisted living's charges and to compare charges and policies between different communities under consideration. As you interview staff, ask what would trigger a fee increase or additional charges. For example, if the resident needs more help with personal care than when first moving into the facility. How are these needs assessed?

Service	Nursing Home-- Included?	Assisted Living-- Included?	Notes
Room			
Meals			
Snacks			
Housekeeping			
Laundry			
Activities in the building			
Activities in the community			
Personal Care Services			
Additional fees or recurring charges (such as an entrance fee or community fee)			
How many *ADLs			
Visiting your personal physician or outside specialist			
Transportation			
<b>Policies</b> (there will be many, here are just a few...)			
Smoking			
Lost or stolen items			
Discharge			

\*ADL: Activities of Daily Living, such as bathing, dressing, grooming, etc.