

Nursing Home Evaluation Form

Name of Nursing Home: _____

Date Visited: _____

Poor === Excellent
1 ===== 5

The Building and Surroundings

What is your first impression of the facility? 1 2 3 4 5

What is the condition of the facility's exterior paint, gutters and trim? 1 2 3 4 5

Are the grounds pleasant and well-kept? 1 2 3 4 5

Do you like the view from residents' rooms and other windows? 1 2 3 4 5

Do residents with Alzheimer's disease live in a separate Alzheimer's unit? 1 2 3 4 5

Does the nursing home provide a secure outdoor area? 1 2 3 4 5

Is there a secure area where a resident with Alzheimer's disease can safely wander on walking paths? 1 2 3 4 5

Are there appropriate areas for physical therapy and occupational therapy? 1 2 3 4 5

Are facilities for barber or beauty salon services available? 1 2 3 4 5

Is there a well-ventilated room for smokers? 1 2 3 4 5

What is your impression of general cleanliness throughout the facility? 1 2 3 4 5

Does the facility smell clean? 1 2 3 4 5

Is there enough space in resident rooms and common areas for the number of residents? 1 2 3 4 5

How noisy are hallways and common areas? 1 2 3 4 5

Is the dining area clean and pleasant? 1 2 3 4 5

Is there room at and between tables for both residents and aides for those who need assistance with meals? 1 2 3 4 5

Are common areas like lounges and activity rooms in use? 1 2 3 4 5

Are residents allowed to bring pieces of furniture and other personal items to decorate their rooms? 1 2 3 4 5

The Staff, Policies and Practices

Does the administrator know residents by name and speak to them in a pleasant, friendly way?	1 2 3 4 5
Do staff and residents communicate with cheerful, respectful attitudes?	1 2 3 4 5
Do staff and administration seem to work well with each other in a spirit of cooperation?	1 2 3 4 5
Do residents get permanent assignment of staff?	1 2 3 4 5
Do nursing assistants participate in the resident's care planning process?	1 2 3 4 5
How good is the nursing home's record for employee retention?	1 2 3 4 5
Does a state ombudsman visit the nursing home on a regular basis?	1 2 3 4 5
How likely is an increase in private pay rates?	1 2 3 4 5
Are there any additional charges not included in the daily or monthly rate?	1 2 3 4 5

Residents' Concerns

What method is used in selecting roommates?	1 2 3 4 5
What is a typical day like?	1 2 3 4 5
Can residents choose what time to go to bed and wake up?	1 2 3 4 5
Are meaningful activities available that are appropriate for residents?	1 2 3 4 5
If activities are in progress, what is the level of resident participation?	1 2 3 4 5
Can residents continue to participate in interests like gardening or contact with pets?	1 2 3 4 5
Does the nursing home provide transportation for community outings and activities?	1 2 3 4 5
Is a van or bus with wheel chair access available?	1 2 3 4 5
Do residents on Medicaid get mental health services or occupational, speech or physical therapies if needed?	1 2 3 4 5
What is your impression of the general cleanliness and grooming of residents?	1 2 3 4 5

How are decisions about method and frequency of bathing made?	1 2 3 4 5
How do residents get their clothes laundered?	1 2 3 4 5
What happens when clothing or other items are missing?	1 2 3 4 5
Are meals appetizing and served promptly at mealtime?	1 2 3 4 5
Are snacks available between meals?	1 2 3 4 5
If residents call out for help or use a call light, do they get prompt, appropriate responses?	1 2 3 4 5
Does each resident have the same nursing assistant(s) most of the time?	1 2 3 4 5
How does a resident with problems voice a complaint?	1 2 3 4 5
Do residents who are able to participate in care plan meetings?	1 2 3 4 5
Does the nursing home have an effective resident council?	1 2 3 4 5

Family Considerations

How convenient is the nursing home's location to family members who may want to visit the resident?	1 2 3 4 5
Are there areas other than the resident's room where family members can visit?	1 2 3 4 5
Does the facility have safe, well-lighted, convenient parking?	1 2 3 4 5
Are hotels/motels nearby for out-of-town family members?	1 2 3 4 5
Are area restaurants suitable for taking residents out for a meal with family members?	1 2 3 4 5
How convenient will care planning conferences be for interested family members?	1 2 3 4 5
Is an effective family council in place?	1 2 3 4 5
Can family/staff meetings be scheduled to discuss and work out any problems that may arise?	1 2 3 4 5
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Are meaningful activities available that are appropriate for residents?	1 2 3 4 5

Total Score: _____