

## Worksheet for Evaluating a Nursing Facility

Facility or Community: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

- Level of care needed:  Subacute care or rehabilitation after hospital stay  
 Long-term skilled nursing care  
 Long-term care for Alzheimer's or other dementia  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Part I: Preliminary considerations

#### Location is convenient for...

- trips to doctor's office or hospital?  
 visits by family and friends?

Evaluation:  Excellent  Good  Acceptable  Unacceptable

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### This facility is well regarded by...

- primary care doctor?  
 hospital discharge planner?  
 others: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluation:  Excellent  Good  Acceptable  Unacceptable

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Part II: Points to discuss; questions to ask

#### Who will pay...

- Medicare?  
 Medicaid?  
 long-term care insurance?  
 resident will be responsible  
for: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluation:  Excellent  Good  Acceptable  Unacceptable

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Is this facility a good fit...**

- for meeting the person's immediate and future nursing and rehabilitative care needs?
- in light of other factors, such as social and emotional needs and the availability or non-availability of other alternatives?

**Evaluation:**  Excellent  Good  Acceptable  Unacceptable

**Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Part III: Things to watch for during a visit**

**Building and grounds...**

- appear to be clean and well maintained?
- include amenities, such as:
  - rooms for private meals and get-togethers?
  - computer access to send and receive e-mail?
  - patio or walkways for outdoor time when weather permits?

**Evaluation:**  Excellent  Good  Acceptable  Unacceptable

**Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**The employees are...**

- courteous, friendly, eager to help?
- neat, clean, well-groomed?
- adequately trained, good at what they do?
- respectful of the residents?

**Evaluation:**  Excellent  Good  Acceptable  Unacceptable

**Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**The residents are...**

- dressed and groomed appropriately?
- engaged in activities?

**Evaluation:**  Excellent  Good  Acceptable  Unacceptable

**Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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