

# Senior Care Provider Types



## Nursing Home

- Short-term skilled stay or likely permanent placement.
- 2-person or higher assistance for ADLs.
- Need for 24-hour on-site RN or LPN.
- Routine bladder or bowel incontinence.



## Assisted Living

- Independent with most ADLs.
- 24-hour on-site emergency response.
- Assistance with medication reminders, set-up, or administration.
- At least two meals provided daily.
- Housekeeping and laundry services provided.
- Dementia specific units in some programs.
- Continent of bladder and bowel.
- Licensed nurse oversees health care, but is not on-site 24 hours per day.



## Home Care

- Independent with most ADLs.
- Assistance from caregiver or home health agency for infrequent health care or ADL needs.



## Tips for Successful Discharges

- Refer sooner rather than later – assisted living providers must complete an evaluation, service plan, and an occupancy agreement before the patient can be admitted.
- Contact the discharge location to inquire if discharge transportation is available. Not all providers are able to offer this service.
- Transition of care reporting is vital to ensuring safe transfers.
- Assisted living providers must evaluate patients before readmissions.
- Please communicate approximate discharge date and times as soon as possible.