



DECISION-MAKING GUIDE

Independent Living

LOCATION

What is the area like around the community?

Does the community have easy access to local shops and services?

SECURITY

What happens in case of an emergency?

What is done to make sure everyone feels safe?

AMENITIES

Is housekeeping provided, and how often?

How many dining outlets are offered?

Will the menu offer traditional "home cooking"?

Are dining options flexible?

Is a Happy Hour or Social Hour offered?

Does the community offer an on-site salon, spa, or theatre?

ACTIVITIES

Is there a wide selection of recreational and social activities to choose from?

Are there individual programs in addition to group programs?

ATMOSPHERE

Is the environment comfortable and welcoming?

What makes this community appealing?

What types of community spaces are available for use?
Patios? Walking trails?

Is the community full of social interactions?



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LIVING SPACE

Are there a variety of floor plans?

What type of storage is available?

Are appliances included within each of the residences and are they full-sized?

CARE

How often are doctors available?

Will access to specialists (audiologists, podiatrists) be an option?

Is care available 24/7?

Is care personalized?

STAFF

Is the staff friendly and engaging?

Is the staff knowledgeable and upfront regarding living options and future care?

FINANCES

What is the monthly fee?

What does the monthly fee include?

Is there a required one-year contract or is it month-to-month?
