



Nursing home



A nursing home is a setting that provides care for people who are recovering from an illness or surgery and need help while they recover. Nursing homes may administer medications, prepare special diets, provide nursing care, and apply dressings and bandages.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

Nursing home services may be offered in a facility that is co-located with a hospital or skilled nursing facility. Nursing homes do not offer medically necessary care like what is provided in a skilled nursing facility by licensed medical practitioners. For example, nursing homes don't offer rehabilitation services such as physical therapy or skilled nursing services such as intravenous injections and catheter care. Typically, people transition to nursing home care after a skilled nursing stay, once the therapy is complete and the skilled need has been met.

Each nursing home is unique in its setting, surroundings and design. The number and type of resident activities may also vary. We recommend you, or a loved one if you are in the hospital, schedule visits to nursing homes you're considering when deciding if they meet your needs and preferences.

Nursing homes may also offer [respite for family caregivers](#).

PROVIDERS

You can choose any WA Cares provider who is registered to provide this service, including places with a nursing home licence or critical access hospital. We require all providers to meet minimum qualifications. You can find a provider at wacalc.org/wacares.

When researching providers, you may wish to use the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services' [nursing home locator](#) to review inspection reports and any complaints that resulted in a citation.

RATES AND BILLING

Nursing home services are billed at a daily rate. The cost of services may vary based on where you live and your care needs. However, your rate should include room and board, including shared and private rooms, personal care, meals, nursing services, activities programs, and dementia-related services, if applicable. You and your provider will agree on rates.

You can find maximum rates and typical costs at wacaresfund.wa.gov/rates.

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