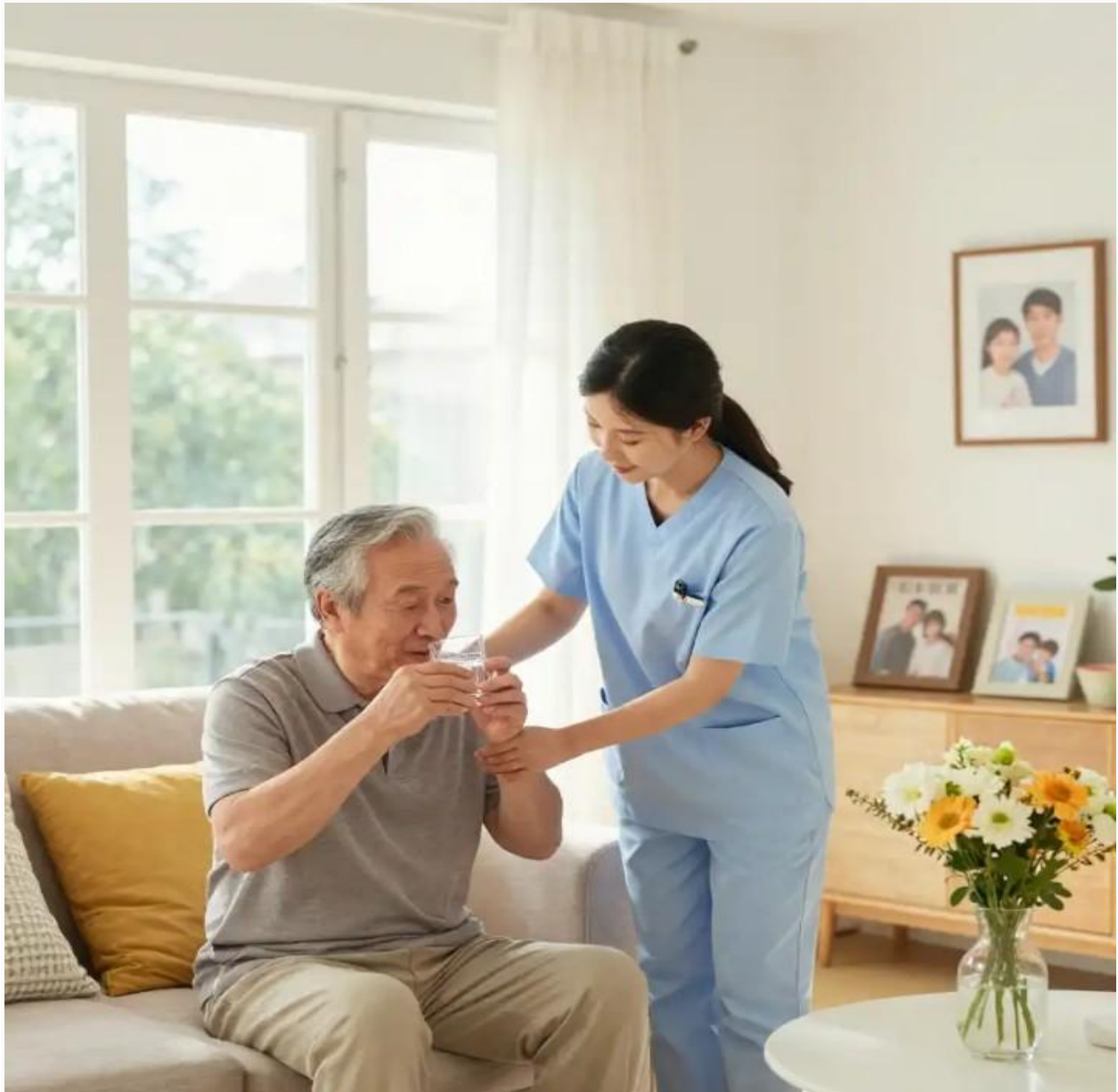


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The 7 Hidden Questions



1. **What is the total monthly cost — including all fees, utilities, and “extras”?**
 - ☒ Ask for an **all-in-one price sheet** that lists base rent, utilities, meals, housekeeping, transportation, and any one-time fees (move-in, assessment, medication). A true “total cost” should be a single dollar amount you can compare side-by-side with other communities.
2. **How are staff-to-resident ratios calculated and what are the peak-time ratios?**
 - ☒ Request the **staff-to-resident ratio for each shift** (morning, afternoon, night) and the **average number of staff on the floor** during peak activity periods. Lower ratios (e.g., 1:6) usually mean more personalized care, especially in assisted-living or memory-care units.
3. **What is the policy on medication management and emergency medication administration?**
 - ☒ Verify whether the community **stores medication on-site**, if a **licensed nurse administers meds**, and how they handle **emergencies (e.g., “call 911” vs. on-call physician)**. Ask for a written medication-management protocol and a copy of the resident’s medication log sample.
4. **Can residents personalize their living space (furniture, décor, pets) and what are the associated costs?**
 - ☒ Find out **what you’re allowed to bring** (personal furniture, wall art, pets) and whether there’s a **deposit or monthly “personalization fee.”** Some communities charge a one-time deposit refundable at move-out; others include décor allowances in the base rent.
5. **What levels of care are available on-site (independent, assisted, memory) and how easy is it to transition between them?**
 - ☒ Ask for a **care-continuum chart** that shows the services offered at each level and the **process/fees for moving up or down** (e.g., from independent to assisted). A smooth transition plan means you won’t have to relocate if health needs change.

6. **What is the community's track record for safety (inspection scores, incident reports, infection control)?**

- ☒ Request the most recent **state inspection report** and any **incident-report summaries** (falls, medication errors, infections) from the past 12 months. Communities with high inspection scores and transparent reporting usually have stronger safety protocols.

7. **What is the contract's exit clause — notice period, penalties, and refund policy if you move out early?**

- ☒ Get the **exact wording** of the termination clause: required notice (30, 60, 90 days), any **early-termination fees**, and whether you're entitled to a **pro-rated refund** of prepaid rent or deposits. Knowing this protects you from surprise costs later.
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