

Iowa Care Home Tour & Comparison Worksheet

Use the same questions at every assisted living program so visits are easier to compare.

Before touring, verify the facility name, address, license type, and available records through Iowa Health Facilities and Programs. A directory listing is not a substitute for license verification or an in-person visit.

Facility name

Address

Visit date / time

Administrator / contact

License number / type

Care fit and staffing

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The home reviewed the resident's current needs before quoting price.

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Day, evening, overnight, and backup staffing were explained.

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Mobility, transfer, toileting, bathing, dressing, dementia, and nighttime needs were discussed.

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Medication assistance, pharmacy coordination, and refill responsibilities were explained.

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The home explained what happens after a fall, hospitalization, or significant change in condition.

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Meals, activities, transportation, family communication, and resident routines were discussed.

Safety and daily observations

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Residents appeared comfortable and treated respectfully.

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Exits, walkways, bathrooms, lighting, and mobility areas appeared safe.

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Emergency plans, evacuation assistance, and backup arrangements were explained.

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The bedroom and shared spaces fit the resident's privacy and mobility needs.

Price and agreement

☐ Base monthly rate: \$_____ Care-level fees: \$_____

☐ Deposit / one-time fees: \$_____

☐ Extra charges were listed for supplies, escorts, transportation, special diets, or other services.

☐ Rate increases, refunds, move-out terms, and transfer/discharge procedures were explained.

☐ A blank or sample agreement was offered before signing.

Decision notes

Strongest benefit

Largest concern

Follow-up question

Availability / timing

Overall impression

☐ Strong fit ☐ Possible fit - follow-up needed ☐ Not a fit

Official starting point: [Iowa Health Facilities and Programs](#) (Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing). Verify current rules, forms, fees, records, and deadlines directly with the agency. Source reviewed September 2026.

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