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OBSERVATIONS	Community	1 Community 2
You are greeted and feel welcome	Yes 🔲 No 🗀	Yes No No
Staff members are kind and caring to residents	Yes 🔲 No 🗆	Yes□ No□
Staff call residents by name	Yes 🔲 No 🗆	Yes□ No□
Staff and residents are well-groomed	Yes 🔲 No 🗀	Yes□ No□
Residents appear engaged and happy	Yes 🔲 No 🗆	Yes□ No□
Meals are nutritious and appealing	Yes 🔲 No 🛭	Yes□ No□
Residence is clean and scent-free	Yes 🔲 No 🛭	Yes□ No□
The layout and floor plan make rooms and communal spaces easy to find	Yes 🔲 No 🛭	Yes□ No□
There is a robust set of activities that your loved one will enjoy	Yes 🔲 No 🗆	Yes□ No□
Exits are clearly marked	Yes 🔲 No 🗆] Yes□ No□
Handrails are available throughout hallways	Yes 🔲 No 🗆	Yes□ No□
Temperature is comfortable	Yes 🔲 No 🗆] Yes□ No□
Lighting is good	Yes No No] Yes□ No□
SAFETY QUESTIONS	Community	1 Community 2
Is an individual plan of care maintained for each resident?	Yes 🔲 No 🗆	Yes□ No□
Are the residents and families included in the process of preparing care plans?	Yes 🔲 No 🗆] Yes□ No□
Is there a physician who visits the facility regularly?	Yes 🔲 No 🗆	Yes No No
Can staff administer medications?	Yes No No	Yes □ No □
What is the policy for handling medical emergencies?		
What additional services are available if the needs of a resident change?		
Who coordinates outside care-provider visits?		
LEGAL & FINANCIAL QUESTIONS	Community	1 Community 2
Are there pricing incentives, move-in specials, or other financial enticements?	Yes 🔲 No 🛭	Yes □ No □
Are residents required to carry renter's insurance?	Yes 🔲 No 🗆	Yes□ No□
Is there an appeals process for dissatisfied residents?	Yes 🔲 No 🗆	Yes□ No□
Are the monthly fees negotiable?	Yes 🔲 No 🛭	Yes □ No □
How long is the wait-list?		
How are the monthly fees charged and calculated?		
Are there additional fees? If so, what are they?		

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OBSERVATIONS	
Name of Community 1:	Name of Community 2:
Community Address:	Community Address:
Contact Name:	Contact Name:
Contact Phone:	Contact Phone:
SAFETY QUESTIONS	
LEGAL & FINANCIAL QUESTIONS	

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OBSERVATIONS	Communi	ity 3	Comm	unity 4
You are greeted and feel welcome	Yes 🔲 N	10 🗆	Yes 🗆	No 🗆
Staff members are kind and caring to residents	Yes 🔲 N	10 🗆	Yes 🔲	No 🔲
Staff call residents by name	Yes 🔲 N	10 🗆	Yes 🗌	No□
Staff and residents are well groomed	Yes 🔲 N	10 🗆	Yes 🗆	No□
Residents appear engaged and happy	Yes 🔲 N	10 🗆	Yes 🔲	No 🔲
Meals are nutritious and appealing	Yes 🔲 N	10 🗆	Yes 🔲	No 🗆
Residence is clean and scent-free	Yes 🔲 N	10 🗆	Yes 🔲	No 🗆
The layout and floor plan make rooms and community spaces easy to find	Yes 🔲 N	10 🗆	Yes 🔲	No 🔲
There is a robust set of activities that your loved one will enjoy	Yes 🔲 N	10 🗆	Yes 🔲	No 🗆
SAFETY QUESTIONS	Communi		Comm	
Is an individual plan of care maintained for each resident?	Yes 🔲 N	10 🗆	Yes 🗌	No 🗆
Are the residents and families in the process of preparing care plans?	Yes 🔲 N	10 🔲	Yes 🗌	No□
Is there a physician who visits the facility regularly?	Yes 🔲 N	10 🗆	Yes 🗌	No 🗆
What is the policy for handling medical emergencies?				
Who coordinates outside care-provider visits?		 I		
LEGAL & FINANCIAL QUESTIONS	Communi	ity 3	Comm	unity 4
Are staff available to assist residents in handling their finances?	Yes 🔲 N	10 🗆	Yes 🗌	No 🗆
Are residents required to carry renter's insurance?	Yes N	10 🗆	Yes 🔲	No 🔲
Is there an appeals process for dissatisfied residents?	Yes 🔲 N	10 🗆	Yes 🗌	No 🔲
Are the monthly fees negotiable?	Yes 🔲 N	10 🗆	Yes 🔲	No□
Are there pricing incentives, move-in specials, or other financial enticements?	Yes 🔲 N	10 🗆	Yes 🗌	No□
How long is the wait-list?		•		
How are the monthly fees charged and calculated?				
Are there additional fees? If so, what are they?				

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Community Address:	Community Address:
Contact Name:	Contact Name:
Contact Phone:	Contact Phone:
SAFETY QUESTIONS	
LEGAL & FINANCIAL QUESTIONS	

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OBSERVATIONS	Comm	unity 5	Comm	unity 6
You are greeted and feel welcome	Yes 🔲	No 🗆	Yes 🗌	No 🗆
Staff members are kind and caring to residents	Yes 🔲	No 🔲	Yes 🗌	No 🗆
Staff call residents by name	Yes 🔲	No 🗆	Yes 🗌	No 🗆
Staff and residents are well groomed	Yes 🔲	No 🗆	Yes 🗌	No 🗆
Residents appear engaged and happy	Yes 🔲	No 🗆	Yes 🗌	No 🗆
Meals are nutritious and appealing	Yes 🔲	No 🗆	Yes 🗌	No 🗆
Residence is clean and scent-free	Yes 🔲	No 🗆	Yes 🗌	No 🗆
The layout and floor plan make rooms and community spaces easy to find	Yes 🔲	No 🗆	Yes 🗌	No 🗆
There is a robust set of activities that your loved one will enjoy	Yes 🔲	No 🗆	Yes 🗌	No 🗖
SAFETY QUESTIONS	Comm	unity 5	Comm	unity 6
Is an individual plan of care maintained for each resident?	Yes 🔲	No 🗆	Yes 🗌	No 🗆
Are the residents and families included in the process of preparing care plans?	Yes 🔲	No 🗆	Yes 🗌	No 🗆
Is there a physician who visits the facility regularly?	Yes 🔲		Yes 🗌	No 🗖
What is the policy for handling medical emergencies?				
Who coordinates outside care-provider visits?				
LEGAL & FINANCIAL QUESTIONS	Comm	unity 5	Comm	unity 6
Are staff available to assist residents in handling their finances?	Yes 🔲	No 🗆	Yes 🗌	No 🗆
Are residents required to carry renter's insurance?	Yes 🔲	No 🔲	Yes 🗌	No 🔲
Is there an appeals process for dissatisfied residents?	Yes 🔲	No 🔲	Yes 🗌	No 🔲
Are the monthly fees negotiable?	Yes 🔲	No 🗆	Yes 🗌	No 🗆
Are there pricing incentives, move-in specials, or other financial enticements?	Yes 🔲	No 🗆	Yes 🗌	No 🗆
How long is the wait-list?				
How are the monthly fees charged and calculated?				
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OBSERVATIONS	
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Community Address:	Community Address:
Contact Name:	Contact Name:
Contact Phone:	Contact Phone:
SAFETY QUESTIONS	
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