

Assisted Living A New Healthcare Option

In recent years we have seen many changes in our healthcare system. The focus has shifted from traditional institution based services such as hospitals and skilled nursing homes to home based care and assisted living communities. All provide an important part of the healthcare continuum. One part of that continuum is Assisted Living Communities.

Assisted Living is a relatively new concept in this area with most communities being developed in the last twenty years. They are in response to the increasing population of the “Baby Boomer” generation that is starting to hit their Golden Years and needing healthcare options. While many people are familiar with the term Assisted Living, fewer people are knowledgeable of their services.

Each state in our country sets the guidelines for the services provided in their Assisted Living Communities. **Kentucky chose the non-medical model.** This concept is closer to senior living communities where each person has their own private apartment but share common areas such as dining, activity and social areas. Communities typically provide support services to assist an individual to remain as independent as possible. Assisted Living Communities Typically provides the following services; around the clock staffing, assistance transferring, dressing, grooming, medication reminders and assistance with showers. Also provided is weekly housekeeping and Laundry services, meals and scheduled transportation to medical appointments.

Since in our state they are a non-medical provider, Assisted Living Communities are typically private pay. Neither Medicare nor Medicaid will pay for assisted living. How-

ever, there are private long term care insurance policies that will pay this benefit. More importantly there is a benefit program under the Veterans Administration that may provide resources to a Veteran or a surviving spouse. It is the Aide and Attendance Benefit. It may financially assist a person that wishes to move to an assisted living community.

The best way to get more information on the services your local assisted living provides is to contact your local community and arrange a tour. All will be glad to give you information and answer any questions that you may have.

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Rank*	Senior Living Community	Total Retirement Capacity	Total Independent Living Resident Capacity	Total Assisted Living Resident Capacity	Total Memory Care Resident Capacity	Total Properties In The US	Manager/ Title
1	Oakwood Health Campus Tell City, IN 812-546-2333	135	19	25	13	102	Randall Buford CEO/President
2	One Park Place Owensboro, KY 270-926-6669	104/99 Double Occupancy	0	104	0	1	Louise Cane, Director Administrative Assistant, Wayne Cain
3	Transcendent Health Care of Boonville, IN 812-897-1375	104 Beds	0	0	15	3 Two facilities in Boonville and one in Owensville, IN	Tom Oniones, CEO/President/Owner
4	Davco Reast Home, LLC Owensboro, KY 270-683-9300	92 Personal Care Beds	0	0	0	6	Harry D. Simpson, Jr. Davco Homes, Inc.
5	Atria Newburgh Newburgh, IN 812-618-9685	87 with Double Occupancy Option	67	67	20	161	John Moore CEO/President
6	Golden Living Lincoln Hills Tell City, IN 812-547-3427	86	0	0	0	unknown	Julie Pennington, ED
7	Fern Terrace Lodge Owensboro, KY 270-684-7171	68 Personal Care Beds	0	0	0	6	Harry D. Simpson, Jr. Davco Homes, Inc.
8	Heritage Place Owensboro, KY 270-689-0930	68	0	0	0	unknown	Tim Dempsey Property Manager
9	Willowdale Village Dale, IN 47523 812-937-4489	50	0	0	0	60	Brandi Friedman-Huffman HFA (Executive Director)
10	Fern Terra of Owensboro Owensboro, KY 270-926-2345	36 Apartments	0	0	0	6	Harry D. Simpson, Jr. Davco Homes, Inc.
11	Heartland Villa Lewisport, KY 270-295-6756	24 Apartments	24	24	45	Multiple properties through Genesis Healthcare	Paula Thompson, Administrator

* Communities ranked by total capacity

Other providers did not submit

