

Checklist: Things To Consider When Hiring An In-Home Caregiver

Getting Started

In-home care, also called home health care or aging-in-place, brings medical care and treatments right to your doorstep. Part of this often requires you to hire a Home Health Aid to help out.

Here are the important issues you should consider:

- Your level of comfort
- Your ability to easily communicate
- The level of care they can provide

This checklist takes these factors into account so you can choose the right in-home caregiver for yourself or your loved ones.

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- Does the caregiver speak in a manner that can be easily understood by the patient at all times?
- Does the caregiver have the proper language skills to easily understand the patient and the person overseeing the care?
- Does the caregiver have experience with the patient's health situation?
- Is the caregiver amenable to changing his or her care giving style based on the particular needs of the patient?
- If the caregiver will be offering medical care, does he or she have the requisite qualifications and certifications?
- If the caregiver will be helping the patient with bathing, dressing, using the toilet, and other physical activities, is he or she physically strong enough to support the patient?
- If the caregiver will be providing transportation services, does he or she have a valid driver's license?
- How will you manage division of labor and the social dynamics if there will be multiple caregivers working together?
- Have background checks been run on any potential candidates to make sure they haven't been found guilty of abuse or neglect?

NOTES & PERSONAL THOUGHTS

Use this section for personal thoughts, concerns, or anything we may have missed.

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