

Nursing Homes in Kenosha County And Understanding the Nursing Home Admission Process

Skilled nursing homes are health care facilities, which provides room, board and around the clock care for people who need more than seven hours a week of nursing or personal care. Residents may be there for a short-term stay, longer rehab stays or for long term care. Skilled nursing homes are licensed by the state and most are also certified for Medicare and Medical Assistance which help pay the cost of care.

After reviewing the options and deciding that a nursing home is appropriate, being informed of the admission process can be helpful in knowing what to expect. You may want to begin by looking at all nursing homes in the area. A good way to begin would be to call the social worker or admissions office of nursing homes you are thinking about, to see if there are beds available. Some nursing homes do take names for a waiting list if they are full. It is a good idea to tour the nursing homes you are considering, either by making an appointment or arrive without notice. This will probably give you the best feel for whether it is a facility you and your loved one will feel comfortable with.

Medicare can also provide further information and compare nursing homes in your area. Nursing Home Compare contains information on previous inspections, violations, and their quality of care. This information, as well as “A Guide to Choosing a Nursing Home” is online at www.medicare.gov/default.aspx and through Medicare’s help line, (1-800-633-4227).

Once you have chosen a nursing home, speak with the social worker or admissions office, who will take some information on the individual to be placed. Most nursing homes will conduct a pre-admission screen by meeting with your loved one at their residence or in the hospital to determine care needs and decide whether they can accept the person for admission.

Attending Physician

All nursing home residents need a primary doctor who will complete the medical paperwork for admission and see them while they are in the nursing home as needed. If you currently have a doctor, ask if he/she will continue to see you while you are in

the nursing home. Some doctors will make rounds to the nursing home to see their patients while they're there, others will require patients to come to their office for visits.

If your doctor is unwilling to follow you in a nursing facility or you don't have a primary doctor, the nursing home will often offer to help obtain a doctor or give the family a list of doctors to call. The nursing home will have a Medical Director who may be willing to accept new patients. An individual is required to be seen by his/her doctor within one week prior to a nursing home admission for a physical examination. At that time, the doctor will complete the needed medical paperwork: a signed History & Physical, a list of current medications, an order for admission, and a statement that an individual is free from contagious diseases. The necessary forms to give to your doctor can be obtained from the nursing home. If an admission is directly from a hospital, the doctor will complete the paperwork, before you leave the hospital.

If you are entering a nursing facility and you are from out of the area, you will need to obtain a local doctor prior to admission to complete the medical paperwork, or be seen within 48 hours after admission for a physical examination, depending upon the specific guidelines of the nursing home you are entering.

Substitute Decision-Maker, if needed

A substitute decision-maker is only needed if a person is not able to make his/her own health care decisions. This decision is made by physician's only. If a Power of Attorney for Health Care (POA-HC) has been created, it can only be "activated" by specified medical professionals who will determine a person's level of capacity. If a POA-HC has not been created, and a decision maker is required, then legal guardianship will need to be pursued through an attorney. In some cases, the Adult Protective Services unit of the Aging and Disability Resource Center can assist, so call the ADRC if you have questions, 262-605-6646.

Securing a Payment Source

Nursing homes can be paid for by the following ways:

Medicare - Medicare will pay 100% of the nursing home cost for the first 20 days if there has been an inpatient hospital stay (not just observation) of at least 72 hours within the past 30 days and a certified skilled level of care, as determined by the nursing home, is required. The person must be placed in a Medicare certified bed to be eligible for this benefit. A person can remain eligible for Medicare benefits in the nursing home for up to 100 days, with Medicare paying only a portion of the daily rate from the 21st to the 100th day and a co-payment being required either through private insurance, private payment, or Medical Assistance.

Medical Assistance - If private funds are not available or are exhausted, Medical Assistance (MA, Medicaid, Title 19) can be applied for to cover nursing home cost.

Financial eligibility considers income and assets and limits vary depending upon whether an individual is single or married. MA can be used to cover long-term or short-term nursing home placements. When a return home is anticipated, an individual can continue to pay living expenses to maintain their residence for up to six months. If you would like more information about this option, you can contact the Wisconsin Kenosha Racine Partners, for more information and to apply for Nursing Home Medical Assistance, 1-888-794-5820, and ask for a member of the Long-Term Care Economic Support Team.

Private Insurance - Coverage under individual insurance and long-term care policies vary. Many Medicare supplemental policies will cover the co-pay required for the 21st through the 100th day provided a certified skilled level of care is needed. It is necessary to review your policy or call your insurance company to determine your coverage.

Private Pay - Payment of the daily rate can be made privately by the individual or family members. Rates vary according to nursing home.

Signed Admission Agreement

The nursing home social worker or admissions office must meet with the responsible party to obtain information and consent prior to or at the time of the admission. At this time several forms requiring signatures will be explained. If the individual is legally responsible for his/herself, the forms can be signed at the time of admission or during a visit made prior to the admission. If a guardian or POA-HC will be signing on the resident's behalf, then an appointment will need to be set up with the social worker or admissions director to complete this paperwork.

Complaints/Concerns

For complaints, questions and/or concerns regarding the care and the rights of residents in nursing homes and community based residential facilities, contact:

Older Adults age 60 and older

The Long Term Care Ombudsman

1-800-815-0015

Persons with a disability under age 60

Disability Rights Wisconsin

414-773-4646 or

1-800-708-3034

<http://www.disabilityrightswi.org/>

To report allegations of abuse or neglect by nursing home or community based residential staff, contact:

Wisconsin Division of Quality Assurance (DQA) at 1-800-642-6552 or

<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/bqaconsumer/HealthCareComplaints.htm>

NURSING HOMES IN KENOSHA COUNTY

Brookside Care Center **262-653-3800**

3506 Washington Rd.
Kenosha, WI 53144
Capacity: 154 Beds
Special Unit: Dementia Care Unit

Clairidge House Nursing & Rehabilitation **262-656-7500**

1519 60th St.
Kenosha, WI 53140
Capacity: 75 Beds
Special Unit: Dementia Care Unit, Geriatric Psychiatric Services Unit.

Crossroads Care Center of Kenosha **262-694-8300**

8633 32nd Ave.
Kenosha, WI 53142
Capacity: 133 Beds

Grand Prairie Health and Rehabilitation Center **262-612-2800**

10330 Prairie Ridge Boulevard
Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158
Capacity: 114 beds

Kenosha Estates Rehab and Care Center **262-658-4125**

1703 60th St.
Kenosha, WI 53140
Capacity: 94 Beds
Special Unit: Alzheimer's/Dementia Care Unit

The Manor of Kenosha **262-658-4622**

3100 Washington Rd.
Kenosha, WI 53144
Capacity: 153 Beds

The Bay at Sheridan Health and Rehabilitation Center **262-658-4141**

8400 Sheridan Rd.
Kenosha, WI 53143
Capacity: 96 Beds

The Bay at Water's Edge Health and Rehabilitation Cntr.262-657-6175

3415 Sheridan Rd.

Kenosha, WI 53140

Capacity: 159 Beds

Special Unit: Dementia Unit

For Veteran and their spouses/widows

Boland Skilled Nursing Facility-Union Grove

262-878-6749

21425 G Spring Street

Union Grove, WI 53182



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