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HEALTH AND MEDICAL STATUS

- Office of Elder Affairs. To locate eldercare resources in your area. https://www.massoptions.org/massoptions/
- 2. **Local Elder Services in Your Area:** There are 24 Aging Service Access Points (ASAPs) throughout the state that provide and coordinate multiple programs.
- 3. **National Council on Aging,** an elder can determine whether he or she meets eligibility requirements for services that are free or fee-based adjusted by income. This is an interactive website; type in local zip code. www.benefitscheckup.org
- 4. **Geriatric Elder Care Managers** are nurses, social workers, counselors or gerontologists that help assess current situations and assist in finding resources. www.aginglifecare.org (type in your zip code for a listing)
- 5. **Alzheimer's Family Care Guide:** The seventh edition of the Family Care Guide. The first edition was published in 1987 as part of an Administration on Aging Grant Project. https://www.alz.org > media > manh > documents

FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE CONCERNS

- SHIP/SHINE Counselors: free advice and assistance on a variety of health insurance issues, including Medicare/Medicaid; call your local Council on Aging. https://www.shiphelp.org
- 2. **Long Term Care Insurance** with a variety of pdf files http://www.mass.gov (type in long term care insurance in the search box).
- 3. A Service Of The U.S. Department Of Housing And Urban Development which offers information on reverse mortgages. www.hud.gov (type in reverse mortgage and then Top Ten Things to Know).
- 4. **Reverse Mortgages In Mass:** information about these resources. <u>Reverse mortgage information for consumers | Mass.gov</u>
- 5. VA Aid and Attendance Pension Benefit: information about this benefit and how to apply. https://www.va.gov/pension/eligibility/
- Genworth Annual Costs of Care: Varies based on care setting, geographic location of care and level of care required.
 https://www.genworth.com/aging-and-you/finances/cost-of-care?WT.svl=YMABIIMAP&mlink=YMABIIMAP

LEGAL

- 1. **Elder Law Attorney:** contact an elder law attorney with a searchable database. www.naela.org (go to about neala.org and questions and answers).
- Online Estate Planning: Create a personalized, next-generation estate planning with all the documents stored and available at any time. Cost only \$100. https://gentreo.com





- 3. **Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare or Healthcare Proxy:** make healthcare decisions after a physician declares in writing that an elder is not competent. Forms and information available at Massachusetts Medical Society website at www.healthcareproxy.org
- 4. <u>Advance Directives:</u> For elders who do not wish to be resuscitated, this state website provides information and forms. <u>Download the MOLST Form | Massachusetts Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (molst-ma.org)</u>
- 5. **Subsidized Legal Services** for elders and caregivers. In Mass available to people over 60 without cost. **www.masslegalhelp.org**
- 6. <u>Best Online Will Options:</u> Rather than walking into an attorney's office and paying a high hourly rate, you can opt for a range of online will options to help create a will from the comfort of your home at a reasonable price. https://money.usnews.com/money/retirement/aging/articles/the-best-online-will-making-programs

CARE OPTIONS

- 1. Adult Day Health Care: support independent and community living. Members spend the day in a caring community with access to health services and enjoy activities and social programs. Adult Day Health (ADH) services are funded by the state, or privately. https://madsa.net/
- 2. In Home Services: Community health through care and services provided in the home including nursing, therapy and home care aide assistance. Home care services are funded by state, by other insurance providers or privately. https://www.thinkhomecare.org/
- 3. Senior Living Residences: in Massachusetts that provide housing and tiered services for individuals. Assisted living services are funded mostly through private pay or through a long term care insurance policy. https://mass-ala.org/
- **4. Nursing Facilities:** The Department of Public Health developed the Nursing Home Survey Performance Tool to provide information about individual nursing homes in Massachusetts to serve as a transparent resource for consumers who are making decisions about their health care.
 - https://www.mass.gov/guides/nursing-home-survey-performance-tool
- 5. Community Resource Guide. Community Resource Guide is a free, general resource for older adults, people with disabilities, veterans, caregivers, and families published in collaboration with The Northeast Independent Living Program. https://agespan.org/resources

TRANSPORTATION

- 1. **Safe Driving Evaluations:** mature driver programs offered around the state. https://www.mass.gov/info-details/older-drivers
- 2. **Talking with Parents About Driving**. Free publication on "We need to talk; family conversations with older drivers." www.thehartford.com/talkwitholderdrivers.



LEVELS OF CARE, TYPES AND PAYERS

Level of	Types of	Care or Support	Possible Payment
Care	Services	Services	Sources
IN HOME SERVICES	Certified Skilled Services Private Care (hourly or live in) State-Sponsored Elder Services	 Nursing Therapy Social Services Personal care aides (agency vs. independent) State Home Care, AFC, PCA, other 	 Medicare (short term) Medicaid (short and long term) Private or Commercial Insurers Private Pay VA Benefits Long Term Care Insurances Frail Elder Waiver
ADULT DAY HEALTH PROGRAMS	Medical Social Dementia	NursingTherapyPersonal care aidesSocial ServicesActivities	 Medicaid Private Insurance Private Pay VA Benefits Long Term Care Insurance PACE
ASSISTED LIVING FACTILITIES	Residential Custodial	 Nursing (limited) Personal care aides (limited) Activities Medication Management (varies) 	 Private Pay Long Term Care Insurance VA Benefits Some Medicaid (GAFC, PACE); not all facilities, usually a wait list
MEMORY CARE	Residential Custodial	NursingActivitiesPersonal Care Aides	Long Term Care InsurancePrivate PayVA Benefits
NURSING FACILITIES	Skilled Care Custodial Care	 Nursing Therapy Personal care aides Social Services Activities 	 Medicare (Post acute only) Private Pay Long Term Care Insurance VA Benefits Some Medicaid (exhaust resources
LEGAL SERVICES	Varies	Elder LawMedicaid Planning	Private Pay
PRIVATE CASE MANAGEMENT	Aging Life Care Management Concierge	 Assessments and Evaluations Insurance Counseling Placement Guidance Other 	 Some Long Term Care Insurance Private Pay
HOSPICE SERVICES	Hospice care can be given in all of the above settings (except ADH). Hospice is an approach to care and not a place.		

