

MEMORY CARE

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WHAT IS MEMORY CARE?

Also called dementia or Alzheimer's care, memory care is offered in State-licensed assisted living residences or in nursing homes, often housed in a special wing with additional security or cueing devices. Many of these communities offer cognitive therapies and programs meant to keep the brain active and engaged.

14 MILLION AMERICANS ARE PROJECTED TO HAVE **ALZHEIMERS** BY THE YEAR 2050, COSTING THE U.S. NEARLY **1.1 TRILLION** DOLLARS



1 IN 3

Seniors will die with some form of dementia or Alzheimer's disease

WHEN IS IT TIME FOR MEMORY CARE?



FORGETTING:

- Medications
- Alarm or gate codes
- To lock doors
- Numbers, addresses or locations
- To turn off stove, water or appliances



DECLINING CARE:

The loved one is declining in daily care activities such as bathing, grooming, meals, or chores. Care is becoming too involved or overwhelming for the family or main caregiver.

PERSONALITY CHANGES:

- Mistrusting others
- Confusion
- Anger
- Withdrawal
- Depression



16.1 MILLION

Unpaid caregivers provide care to those with Alzheimer's or dementia

\$2,232
PER YEAR



vs

\$10,315
PER YEAR



ON AVERAGE, MEMORY CARE COSTS NEARLY

5X

MORE THAN THE COST OF CARE FOR SENIORS NOT NEEDING MEMORY CARE



HOW TO PAY:

- Medicare Special Needs Plan (SNP)
- Long-Term Care Insurance (varies)
- Aid & Attendance Benefit for Veterans
- Medicaid
- Private Funding



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