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wanted to share this information with you.

Home Care May Not Be Cheaper than Assisted Living or a Nursing Home

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When it comes to long-term care, which type of care is cheaper? A common misconception is that receiving care at home is less expensive than receiving care at an assisted living facility or a nursing home. Which type of care is the cheapest depends on the amount of care needed. Home care starts out being the most cost effective, but if continuous care is needed, a nursing home ends up being the least expensive option.

One reason that assisted living can become more expensive than home care or nursing home care is that most assisted living facilities do not provide personal care as part of the basic fee. Instead, most facilities require residents to purchase such care from the facility or an outside provider at an extra charge.

Home care may be even more expensive if the cost of maintaining one's home is factored in. Of course, money is only one consideration in choosing where to receive care. Many, if not most, seniors would prefer to stay home if at all possible. Other factors include the ability to access quality care, proximity to family members, the regimentation at an institution, and even the quality of food provided.

**“Those Who Plan Ahead Win.
Those Who Don't Plan Ahead Lose.”**

This article is for informational purpose only and is not intended as legal advice. It is recommended that you call Timothy P. Crawford for a free conference to discuss your situation in more detail. Attorney Crawford can be reached at 1-262-634-6659. Please refer to this article when you call.

*Attorney Timothy P. Crawford is a Nationally Board Certified Elder Law Attorney (CELA). He has been Board Certified by the National Elder Law Foundation which has been approved as the Sole Certifying Organization for Elder Law Attorneys by the American Bar Association.

**Timothy P. Crawford was invited to join the Council of Advanced Practitioners (CAP) of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) in August of 2005. CAP is a small group of premier elder law attorneys, all of whom have been members of NAELA for at least 10 years, are certified as elder law attorneys by the National Elder

Law Foundation, and are AV rated by Martindale Hubbell, a service that provides an independent rating of the quality of attorneys, as one of the top attorneys in the nation.

Attorney Timothy P. Crawford has been selected as a **Fellow** of NAELA. **Fellow** is the highest honor bestowed by the Academy. Selection as a **Fellow** signifies that his peers recognize the lawyer as a model for others and as an exceptional lawyer and leader.

Attorney Timothy P. Crawford has a superb rating of 10 out of 10 with A V V O.

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