DECISION-MAKING GUIDE

Independent Living

LOCATION

What is the area like around the community? _____

Does the community have easy access to local shops and services? _____

SECURITY

What happens in case of an emergency? _____

What is done to make sure everyone feels safe? _____

AMENITIES

Is housekeeping provided, and how often? _____

How many dining outlets are offered? _____

Will the menu offer traditional “home cooking”? _____

Are dining options flexible? _____

Is a Happy Hour or Social Hour offered? _____

Does the community offer an on-site salon, spa, or theatre? _____

ACTIVITIES

Is there a wide selection of recreational and social activities to choose from? _____

Are there individual programs in addition to group programs? _____

ATMOSPHERE

Is the environment comfortable and welcoming? _____

What makes this community appealing? _____

What types of community spaces are available for use? Patios? Walking trails? _____

Is the community full of social interactions? _____

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LIVING SPACE

Are there a variety of floor plans? _____

What type of storage is available? _____

Are appliances included within each of the residences and are they full-sized? _____

CARE

How often are doctors available? _____

Will access to specialists (audiologists, podiatrists) be an option? _____

Is care available 24/7? _____

Is care personalized? _____

STAFF

Is the staff friendly and engaging? _____

Is the staff knowledgeable and upfront regarding living options and future care? _____

FINANCES

What is the monthly fee? _____

What does the monthly fee include? _____

Is there a required one-year contract or is it month-to-month? _____