

Before touring anything, answer Diane's question. When people say they want to keep someone home, the first answer is rarely the real one. Ask why, then ask again, until somebody says what they are actually trying to protect.

What are we optimizing for? Say it plainly.

What would have to be true for the current arrangement to keep working?

What would tell us it has stopped working, and who is watching for that?

COMPARING OPTIONS

TALK TO AN ATTORNEY ABOUT THIS

Before signing with any community, have an attorney read the residency agreement. The clauses that matter most are the ones covering what triggers a required move to a higher level of care, what happens to money already paid if that happens, how much notice either side must give, and what the community can change without your consent.

Option	What it costs	What it solves	What it does not solve