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Understanding Reimbursement Sources For Assisted Living

Understanding reimbursement sources early helps to plan wisely, reduce stress, and make confident long-term care decisions. Every situation is unique.

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Private Pay - The most Common Source

Most assisted livings costs are paid out of pocket using personal savings, retirement income, home sale proceeds, or family support. Families often underestimate monthly costs, so it's important to plan ahead. Assisted living not covered by Medicare, but private pay allows residents to choose the best fit for them personally.

2

Long-Term Care Insurance

Long-term care (LTC) insurance can help cover part of assisted living costs, depending on the policy. Benefits start when a resident needs help with two or more Activities of Daily Living (like bathing or dressing). Review policy details early coverage amounts, waiting periods, and reimbursement processes will vary

3

Veterans Benefits (Aid & Attendance)

Veterans and surviving spouses may qualify for the VA Aid and Attendance benefit, which provides monthly financial assistance for those who need help with daily care. This can significantly reduce out-of-pocket costs. The application process take time and requires medical and financial documentation, but can be worth hundreds to thousands per month.

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Medicaid Programs

While Medicaid doesn't coer room and board for most assisted living, Utah offers Medicaid waiver programs that help with personal care or medical support costs. Eligibility depends on income, assets, and medical need. Not all communites accept Medicaid, so it's important to ask early.

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Other Options to Explore

Families can explore alternative ways to fund care, such as life insurance conversions, bridge loans, reverse mortgages, or family cost-sharing. Knowing your financial options helps ensure finding the right care.

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