



## Methodology

### CareScout®

CareScout has conducted the Genworth Cost of Care Survey annually since 2004. Located in Waltham, Massachusetts, CareScout has specialized in helping families find long term care providers nationwide since 1997.

This year, CareScout – a Genworth company – contacted more than 47,000 providers<sup>1</sup> to complete over 15,000 surveys of nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult day health facilities and home care providers. Potential respondents were selected randomly from the CareScout nationwide database of providers in each category of long term care services. Survey respondents representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico were contacted by phone during May and June of 2017. Survey respondents were informed that survey data provided would be included in the Genworth 2017 Cost of Care Survey results. Survey questions varied based on the type of care provider.

One of the most comprehensive surveys of its kind, the Genworth Cost of Care Survey publishes costs in 440 regions based on the 381 U.S. Metropolitan

Statistical Areas (MSAs). MSA definitions are established by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget and include approximately 85 percent of the U.S. population. The survey also includes some counties outside of the MSA regions.

### Home Care (HC)<sup>1</sup>

Surveyors completed more than 4,000 interviews with licensed home health care providers representing approximately 18 percent of home care agencies.<sup>2</sup> The agencies surveyed provided home health care and homemaker services where a skilled nurse does not need to be present. A home health aide will typically help with bathing, dressing, transferring and toileting, but not with catheters or injections. Most of these agencies also provide homemaker services that typically include assistance with shopping, finances, cooking, errands and transportation. Homemaker services may also be employed for the purpose of providing companionship.

Annual rates are based on 44 hours of care per week, multiplied by 52 weeks. Where a rate range was provided, the midpoint was used. The survey excludes holiday rates.

<sup>1</sup> Various provider categories used in the survey may not be the same as the definitions used in a long term care insurance policy.

<sup>2</sup> Not all states require a license for home care. Data includes certain states where unlicensed providers are included because the state does not offer or does not have HH license requirements.

**Adult Day Health Care (ADH)**

Across 440 regions, surveyors polled more than 36 percent of adult day health care facilities, resulting in over, 1,300 completed surveys. ADH is designed to meet the needs of adults who are functionally and/or severely cognitively impaired. Programs are intended to be structured and comprehensive, and to take place in a protective setting that promotes well-being through a variety of health, social and other support services. These services are intended to help enable individuals live more independently in the community and may also be used to provide relief for family caregivers.

ADH facility rates are structured in a variety of ways: Some charge by the hour, some by the half-day and others for the full day, regardless of utilization. All rates used in Genworth's survey were extrapolated to a daily (6-8 hours) rate.

ADH facility rates may be subsidized by the government or the community. A government subsidy is based on the individual's ability to pay. However, a community subsidy is available to individuals regardless of their income level. This survey captures the full private pay rates or, where applicable, the community subsidy rates. This survey does not capture the government subsidy rates.

Annual rates are based on the daily rate multiplied by five days per week, then multiplied by 52 weeks.

**Assisted Living Facilities (ALF)**

Across 440 regions, surveyors polled more than 15 percent of licensed assisted living facilities, resulting in more than 6,300 completed surveys.

Unlike nursing homes, there is no uniform regulatory standard for assisted living facilities. As a consequence, states have instituted licensing standards that vary from state to state. The assisted living facilities polled were licensed according to the licensure requirements of the state in which the assisted living facility was located.

Currently, there are more than 70 different names or designations for facilities licensed as some form of an assisted care facility. Generally, fewer than 40 percent of these care facilities use the term

"assisted living facility" as a part of their formal name or licensure designation. For example, some facilities may be identified as "residential care facilities." Because of variations in licensing requirements by state, both small group homes and large multi-service facilities qualified as assisted living facilities for the purposes of this study.

Surveyors collected the monthly private pay rates as they ranged from basic care to more substantial care for a one-bedroom unit in an assisted living facility. Where a rate range was provided, the average of the high and low was used in the annual cost calculation.

Annual rates are based on the monthly fee multiplied by 12 months.

**Nursing Homes (NH)**

Across all regions of the study, surveyors polled nearly 18 percent of certified and licensed nursing homes, resulting in nearly 4,000 completed surveys.

Surveyors collected the daily rates for private rooms (single occupancy) and semi-private rooms (double occupancy) in Medicare-certified nursing facilities. Medicare-certified nursing homes represent more than 90 percent of all nursing homes in the U.S. The daily room charge usually includes services beyond rent, such as three meals a day, laundry, sundries, basic nurse supervision and generic non-prescription pharmaceuticals.

Annual rates are based on the daily fee multiplied by 365.

## About CareScout®

Headquartered in Waltham, Massachusetts, CareScout helps Americans across the United States find quality care providers for their long term care needs. As an objective source for this provider information, CareScout, a Genworth company, developed the nation's first quality of care ratings system for certified nursing homes and home care providers. Large employers, risk underwriters and families rely on CareScout's proprietary ratings system, the CareScout network, and its database of about 100,000 providers, including nursing homes, assisted living facilities and home care agencies, to help find and arrange the most appropriate care for loved ones. For more information, visit [carescout.com](http://carescout.com).

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