

Seven Important Questions to Ask When Hiring a Paid Caregiver

Answering these questions may be less of a priority if a trusted friend or family member is available. But if this option is not available, as is the case for millions of Adult Caregivers, it is important for the family to ask these questions:

1. If the hired caregiver becomes ill or otherwise unavailable, what alternate arrangements can be made?

2. Are social security, federal and state taxes, and unemployment insurance paid so the family is not legally responsible?

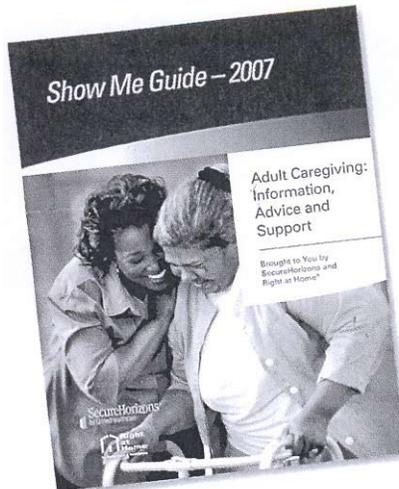
3. Do we have verification that the paid caregivers can legally work in the U.S.?

4. If the-hired caregiver is injured, who is responsible? (Remember that many homeowner's insurance policies exclude such injuries via "domestic employee exclusions.")

5. Are criminal history background checks, state abuse registries checks and prior work reference checks completed?

6. Is there bonding and insurance in place that would cover any injury to the client or theft?

7. Assuming family is not available to supervise paid caregivers at all times, will there be documentation that substantiates the completion of services?



The Show Me Guide offers free information for family caregivers

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A free copy of the Adult Caregiving Show Me Guide may be downloaded from either Secure Horizons' website (www.iLiveSecure.com) or Right at Home's website (www.rightathome.net).

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