

Long-Term Care Policies 7

Terminology

- Skilled care – continuous, around-the-clock care provided under licensed medical professionals under the direct supervision of a physician, and usually given in nursing homes
- Intermediate care – administered by registered and licensed nurses and nurse's aids under the direct supervision of a physician and is daily, but not 24-hour, supervision
- Custodial care – help with daily living requirements and does not require specialized medical training but must be given under a doctor's order
- Home health care – provided in the individual's home, usually on a part-time basis and may be skilled or unskilled care
- Continuing care retirement communities (CCRC) – a retirement community designed to meet the medical and social needs of the senior
- Alternative care – is a less expensive alternative to a facility and provides a package of home and community-based services
- Cognitive impairment – deficiency of short-term or long-term memory, reasoning, and time/spacial orientation
- Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) – basic activities of everyday life (eating, bathing, dressing, walking, toileting, etc.)