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Elder-Care Starter Scorecard

Score two elder-care options across five of the things that matter most. Give each criterion a weight (how much it matters to your family — the example weights add up to 100), rate each option 1–5 (1 = poor, 3 = acceptable, 5 = excellent), multiply and add, then divide by the total of your weights. The higher weighted score is the stronger overall fit — not just the place with the nicest lobby.

| Criterion | Weight | Option A (1–5) | A × wt | Option B (1–5) | B × wt |
|----------------------|------------|----------------|--------|----------------|--------|
| Cost & Affordability | 30 | | | | |
| Level of Care | 25 | | | | |
| Staff & Caregiving | 20 | | | | |
| Location & Access | 15 | | | | |
| Reputation & Reviews | 10 | | | | |
| Total | 100 | | | | |

Weighted score = total ÷ total weight

Comparing more than two places?

The full Elder-Care Decision Helper compares up to four options across eight criteria you choose, folds each option's money into one effective monthly cost, ranks them, and is yours to keep — a 7-tab workbook (Excel, Google Sheets, LibreOffice) plus three guides. Or try the free web scorer first.

A decision aid, not medical, financial, or legal advice. The example weights are a starting point — change them to fit your family. Free to use; please don't resell or redistribute.

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