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Evaluate Assisted Living Facilities, and other long-term care facilities, e.g. nursing homes and residential settings using newly published AHRQ tools.

This report, Environmental Scan of Instruments to Inform Consumer Choice in Assisted Living Facilities presents an overview of assisted living, describes the ways that assisted living facilities are evaluated, and reviews the tools currently available to evaluate assisted living facilities and services, including consumer-reported instruments, expert observational instruments, and provider-reported tools. The instruments reviewed for this report were used in an array of assisted living settings and other long-term care facilities, such as nursing homes and residential settings. The instruments are being used to evaluate services offered in a particular facility, the physical and cultural environment, staff issues, activities, social support, and contractual issues. Lastly, the report describes the gaps in the instruments currently available—that is, important aspects of facility performance from the perspective of consumers and other stakeholders that are not being addressed. This report was prepared for AHRQ by Westat, Inc.

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