

How will my family member pay for the services at Open Arms Retirement Center?

Open Arms accepts residents who pay privately as well as residents who are recipients of assistance from the Department of Social Services.

The State of North Carolina provides a program that could possibly help with the cost of care at Open Arms. The program has two parts. The first part is Special Assistance (SA) for the cost of room and board. The second part is Medicaid which would help pay for the medical needs of the resident as well as the personal care services provided to the resident while living at Open Arms.

Special Assistance requires a separate application to be processed through your local Department of Social Services. Please remember, Special Assistance is only for room and board cost associated with an assisted living facility. To qualify for Special Assistance, your income must be less than the income level set by the State of North Carolina or currently \$1182.00 monthly. If the person is eligible for Special Assistance, then Medicaid eligibility is ensured. Included with the monthly room and board cost is a small personal allowance for personal items.

The Medicaid program pays for an assortment of medical expenses for the resident. Medicaid is usually used in conjunction with Medicare to pay for doctor visits, hospital stays, medications, durable medical equipment, and other medically related services such as physical therapy. Open Arms is licensed under the Medicaid program to receive funding for personal care services provided for residents who qualify for assistance with activities of daily living.

The first step in finding out if this program will help you is to contact your local Department of Social Services. Below is a list of the area county agencies for your convenience.

- Hoke County Department of Social Services 910-875-8725
- Cumberland County Department of Social Services 910-677-2388
- Scotland County Department of Social Services 910-277-2500
- Moore County Department of Social Services 910-947-2436
- Robeson County Department of Social Services 910-671-3500

Home Expenses to take into consideration:

When you compare the costs of home to the costs of Open Arms, you will need to think about at least the following items:

Item to consider	Home	Open Arms Retirement Center
Mortgage/rent	_____	Included
Gas	_____	Included
Electric Services	_____	Included
Water/Sewer	_____	Included
Meals/Groceries	_____	Included
Trash/Recycling	_____	Included
Repairs	_____	Included
Property Taxes/Insurance	_____	Included
Totals	_____	