what is an old age home?

An old age home is generally the most commonly referred to option when it comes to considering housing options for senior citizens. A high level of nursing care is available along with an organized, routine of social A medical practitioner is available to supervise each of the residents’ care and nurses are on-site to administer medications and provide general personal care.

HOW IT ALL STARTED……..history: time line

before 19th century
- No age restricted institutions for long term care
- But elders ended their days in almshouses.

Beginning of 19th century
- Women's and church groups began to establish special homes for elderly.
- No. of elderly who found shelter in these institutions were limited.
- Majority; widowed and single women.

19th century
- Old age home operated to differentiate “worthy” old of a particular religion or ethnic group from the most needy and destitute of the aged population

1880-1923
- Alms- house elderly population increased to 33% an further to 67%

20th Century
- Alms-houses a symbol of failure and despair.
- Poor houses- a word of hate and loathing.
- Clearly revealed the inability of elderly to succeed the industrial world.

Medicare provided additional growth to nursing homes
- No. of nursing homes grew by 40%- private industry stimulated
- By 1979, despite the ability of government homes to provide care, 79% of all institutionalized elderly persons resided in commercially run homes.
- But many provided substandard care

1965-1970’s
- Nursing homes had become a billion industry, paid largely by Medicaid, Medicare; and although the elderly individuals between 65 and 74 reside in such institutions, the proportion of those over 85 increased to 25%

BY 2000