

Senior Emergency Kit

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Welcome

You make sure your loved one gets the best care you can give. That job just got easier with the Caring For Your Parents: Senior Emergency Kit SM from the Home Instead Senior Care® network and Humana Points of Caregiving®.

Use this kit to keep your loved one's medical and financial information organized in one central place.

This toolkit provides you with:

- An important Contact Information worksheet
- A Medication Tracker
- An Allergies and Conditions Worksheet
- Your Doctor Visit Worksheet
- A List of Extra Resources

You can find extra copies of these materials on the Caring For Your Parents: Senior Emergency Kit SM website at www.SeniorEmergencyKit.com.


For more information and extra resources visit us at www.homeinstead.com and www.PointsofCaregiving.com.

Thank you for providing such loving care to one of society's greatest resources—seniors.

Sincerely,



Jeff Huber
President, Home Instead Senior Care



Director,
Humana Points of Caregiving

Once completed, the Caring for Your Parents: Senior Emergency Kit SM will contain sensitive health and financial information. As is always the case when dealing with such information, we encourage you to take steps to ensure the kit is carefully safeguarded to protect your parent's privacy and prevent third parties from accessing and misusing the information.

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Important Contact Information

Use the chart below to write down how to reach your loved one's important contacts, like doctors, lawyers, and financial help.

Important Contact Information For: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Phone: _____

Category	Name/Business	Phone Number(s)	Address	Fax	Account/Policy Number	Other Important Information
Emergency Contact						
General Practice Doctor						
Optometrist						
Ophthalmologist						
Dentist						
Lawyer						
Accountant						
Veteran's Administration						
Safe Deposit Box						
Power of Attorney Holder						

Category	Name/Business	Phone Number(s)	Address	Fax	Account/Policy Number	Other Important Information
Church or Synagogue						
Religious Leader						
Other Medical Specialists						
Bank Accounts						
Insurance Agents & Policies						
Retirement Plans & Investments						

Category	Name/Business	Phone Number(s)	Address	Fax	Account/Policy Number	Other Important Information
Other Contacts In Case of Emergency or Death						
Utilities & Newspapers (in case of long-term hospitalization or death)						

Snapshot

Childhood

Nickname _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Parents Names: _____

Grandparent Names

Maternal: _____

Paternal: _____

Names of Siblings: _____

In Age Order _____

Adolescence

High School: _____

Clubs or
Organizations: _____

Sports or Hobbies: _____

First Job: _____

Young Adult

Education: _____

Jobs: _____

Marriage

Date, City, State, Spouse Name: _____

First House:

City, State

Military:

Children:

Names, Dates of Birth

Middle Age

Careers: _____

Family Roles: _____

Clubs/Organizations: _____

Community Involvement: _____

Grandchildren:

Names and Dates of Birth

Older Adult

Life Achievements: _____

Travel: _____

Medication Tracker

When you keep track of your loved one's medicines, it helps prevent accidents. Show this list to doctors and dentists so they can watch for interactions and side effects.

Make sure you update this list after every doctor or dentist visit. You can also make copies of your list for relatives or caregivers who are involved with your loved one's care.

List all medicines, including:

- **Prescribed drugs**
- **Over-the-counter (OTC) products**
- **Vitamins, herbal products, and other supplements**

Medication	Description	Dose	Dose Instructions	Prescribed by or OTC
<i>Example: Ibuprofen</i>	<i>Round, Orange Pill</i>	<i>200 mg</i>	<i>Take 2 tabs each morning with food</i>	<i>Dr. Jones</i>

Before visiting the doctor, remember to check medications to see if refills are needed.

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Allergies & Conditions Worksheet

Does your loved one have allergies? What about medical conditions that might affect care? Make sure emergency medical workers know about allergies and medical conditions by filling out the chart below.

(Include foods, seasonal allergies, and/or medications and conditions, such as heart problems, diabetes, arthritis, macular degeneration, etc.)

Important Contact Information For: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Phone: _____

Allergies/Condition	Signs/Symptoms	Medication (See Medication Tracker for Dosage)	Emergency Treatments or Other Important Information

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Behaviors Associated with Alzheimer's Disease or Other Dementias

Outlined below are behaviors that may become evident with the progression of Alzheimer's disease or other dementias. The following chart may be helpful to indicate the prevalence of these behaviors.

Behavior	Never	Sometimes	Always
Delusions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doesn't recognize familiar surroundings or faces Hearing/seeing/believing things that are not real Demonstrates impaired perception of reality Acts fearful without good reason 			
Wandering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trying to leave home to look for something Wanting to go outside without proper clothing Loses way in familiar surroundings 			
Refusal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refusing to do personal care activities (bathing, dressing, eating etc.) Refusing to get out of bed Refusing to take medications Refusing or unwilling to attend social activities 			
Aggression <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easily frustrated Physical altercations (push or strike out) Yelling and/or swearing 			
Repetition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repeating questions and/or words Repeating stories Repeating activities 			
Agitation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restless Pacing around the house 			
Sexual Inappropriateness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inappropriate with self Inappropriate with others 			
False Accusations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Becomes suspicious Reaches illogical conclusions Missing items are "stolen" 			

If you would like to learn more about how the Home Instead Senior Care® network can offer support and help in managing the above behaviors, **please visit our website: homeinstead.com/Alzheimers**

Local Home Instead Senior Care offices offer specialized training on Alzheimer's disease or other dementias for their CAREGiversSM and for families. **Visit homeinstead.com for more information.**

A personalized experience
for those with Alzheimer's
disease or other dementias.



Doctor Visit Worksheet

Write down your loved one's answers to the questions below. Then, use the answers to talk to a doctor about any concerns.

This worksheet is provided by Humana Points of Caregiving® and the Home Instead Senior Care® network.

Doctor Name:	Date of Visit:
<i>What is your main health concern right now?</i>	
<i>Do you have any new symptoms, such as pain?</i>	
<i>What changes have you noticed in your health since your last visit?</i>	
<i>If you currently take medication for pain or any other symptom, how is it working?</i>	
<i>Have you started any new medications? What are they? Do you have any side effects from the medicines you take?</i>	
<i>Have you seen other doctors before this visit? Have you had diagnostic tests or other treatments? Do you want to discuss those results?</i>	

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Use this page to write down what your loved one and the doctor discussed.

<i>Tests ordered</i>
<i>Test results</i>
<i>Recommendations</i>
<i>Medication instructions</i>
<i>Dietary restrictions</i>
<i>Next steps</i>
<i>Other notes</i>

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Extra Resources

Check out these websites for more information on keeping your loved one safe and healthy:

Caring For Your Parents; Senior Emergency Kit™ -www.SeniorEmergencyKit.com

This website contains most of the materials included in this toolkit, as well as a list of online tools for tracking your loved one's medical information. If you ever need extra copies of the toolkit materials, visit the site.

Points of Caregiving -www.PointsofCaregiving.com

Humana Points of Caregiving™ is your complete caregiving community, with expert information, advice, and tools to help you make caregiving decisions with confidence. Points of Care giving includes 24/7 telephone access to trained caregiving advisors.

Home Instead Senior Care™ -www.homeinstead.com

The Home Instead Senior Care™ network is the world's largest provider of non-medical in-home care services for seniors. Home Instead has more than 900 independently owned and operated franchises that provide in excess of 40 million hours of care. Their offices are located in 16 international markets located in 15 countries, including the United States.

The 40/70 Rule™ -www.4070talk.com

The 40/70 Rule™ programs and support services are offered to help families have open discussions about providing care for parents, as well as other senior topics. On this website, you'll find tips to help bridge the communication gap between adult children and their senior loved ones.

The 70/40 Rule™ -www.7040talk.com

The 70/40 Rule™ programs is designed to help seniors start those sometimes difficult conversations, such as end of life issues, senior romance, or family feuds, with their adult children. This website and related support services offer practical guidance and suggestions to help seniors and their adult children open their lines of communication today.

CaregiverStress.comSM -www.CaregiverStress.com

CaregiverStress.com is an educational resource dedicated to helping caregivers care for themselves while caring for others. On this site you'll find helpful articles, educational videos on caregiving topics, and a caregiver stress meter to help you assess your needs.

Life Legacies -www.lifelegaciesandwishes.com

Nearly half of all Boomers would like to know more about their parents' end-of-life wishes. Life Legacies provides a set of tools that can help seniors and their families make sure that their wishes are carried out.

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Stages of Senior Care -www.StagesofSeniorCare.com

This book was written by Home Instead Senior Care® founders Paul and Lori Hogan to guide readers through the process of providing care for their aging parents. It includes clear and practical advice on care options, the pros and cons of each, the relative costs, what to look for and avoid, paying for services, and how to deal with complications. Stages includes checklists and diagnostics designed to help families make good, life-affecting decisions while confidently planning the best care for those they love most.

Aging with Dignity -www.agingwithdignity.org

Aging with Dignity is a national non-profit organization with a mission to affirm and safeguard the human dignity of individuals as they age and to promote better care for those near the end of life. The Five Wishes document, which expresses how you want to be treated if you are seriously ill and unable to speak for yourself, was created by Aging with Dignity. To order copies, call 888-5 WISHES (594-7437) or online at www.agingwithdignity.org.

American Society of Consultant Pharmacists -www.ascp.com

The American Society of Consultant Pharmacists is an organization of 7,000 members who work to improve drug therapy and the quality of life for seniors.

Canadian Society of Consultant Pharmacists -www.cscpharm.com

The Canadian Society of Consultant Pharmacists is a chapter of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists.

Safe Medication for Seniors -www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hl-vs/iyh-vsv/med/safe-secure-eng.php

Health Canada provides valuable information about safe use of medications for Canadian seniors.

Canadian Generic Pharmaceutical Association -www.canadiangenerics.ca

The CGPA represents the Canadian-based generic pharmaceutical industry: a dynamic group of companies which specialize in the production of high quality, affordable generic drugs, fine chemicals and new chemical entities.

Center for Medicines and Healthy Aging -www.medsandaging.org

This resource from the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists Foundation can help seniors identify what a pharmacist could do for them and locate one in their area.

"Medications and the Older Adult" -

<http://www.metlife.com/mmi/publications/since-you-care-guides/index.html>

The MetLife Mature Market Institute publication "Medications and the Older Adult" from their "Since You Care" series of guides is produced for caregivers. This publication provides information about important considerations for older adults related to taking both prescription and over-the-counter medications.

National Alliance for Caregiving -<http://www.caregiving.org/resources/publications>

National Alliance for Caregiving provides a variety of resources for older adults and their family caregivers.

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act -<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/>

Family caregivers may acquaint themselves with a better understanding of privacy laws as they pertain to their loved one's medical records.

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Home
Instead
SENIOR CARE®
To us, it's personal.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Male Female

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Name: _____

Address: _____

Relation: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Relation: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

MEDICAL DATA

Last Updated: _____

Blood Type: _____

Doctor Name: _____

Phone: _____

Doctor Name: _____

Phone: _____

Medical
Problem

Medication

Dosage

Frequency

Religion: _____

Do you have a living will? Yes No

On file at: _____

Do you have a healthcare proxy? Yes No

On file at: _____

Do you have a power of attorney? Yes No

On file at: _____

Do you have an EMS-NO CPR Directive
or DNR Form? Yes No

MEDICAL CONDITIONS CHECKLIST

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No known medical conditions | <input type="checkbox"/> Lymphomas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abnormal EKG | <input type="checkbox"/> Memory Impaired |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adrenal Insufficiency | <input type="checkbox"/> Myasthenia Gravis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Angina | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacemaker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma | <input type="checkbox"/> Renal Failure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bleeding Disorder | <input type="checkbox"/> Seizure Disorder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Sickle Cell Anemia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cardiac Dysrhythmia | <input type="checkbox"/> Stroke |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cataracts | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuberculosis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clotting Disorder | <input type="checkbox"/> Vision Impaired |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coronary Bypass Graft | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dementia | Allergies: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alzheimer's | <input type="checkbox"/> No known allergies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes/Insulin Dependent | <input type="checkbox"/> Aspirin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eye Surgery | <input type="checkbox"/> Barbiturate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Glaucoma | <input type="checkbox"/> Codeine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Impaired | <input type="checkbox"/> Demerol |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heart Valve Prosthesis | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse Serum |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hemodialysis | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Stings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hemolytic Anemia | <input type="checkbox"/> Latex |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis – Type _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Lidocaine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hypertension | <input type="checkbox"/> Morphine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hypoglycemia | <input type="checkbox"/> Novocaine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Implantable Devices: | <input type="checkbox"/> Penicillin |
| _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Sulfa |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laryngectomy | <input type="checkbox"/> Tetracycline |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leukemia | <input type="checkbox"/> X-Rays Dyes |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental: |
| | _____ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| | _____ |

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Senior Emergency Checklist

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 Address: _____ Male Female

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Name: _____ Name: _____
 Address: _____ Address: _____
 Relation: _____ Relation: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____
 Work Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

MEDICAL DATA

Last Updated: _____ Blood Type: _____
 Doctor Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Doctor Name: _____ Phone: _____

Medical Problem	Medication	Dosage	Frequency

Religion: _____
 Do you have a living will? Yes No On file at: _____
 Do you have a healthcare proxy? Yes No On file at: _____
 Do you have a power of attorney? Yes No On file at: _____
 Do you have an EMS-NO CPR Directive or DNR Form? Yes No

MEDICAL CONDITION CHECKLIST

- No known medical conditions
- Abnormal EKG
- Adrenal Insufficiency
- Angina
- Asthma
- Bleeding Disorder
- Cancer
- Cardiac Dysrhythmia
- Cataracts
- Clotting Disorder
- Coronary Bypass Graft
- Dementia
- Alzheimer's
- Diabetes/Insulin Dependent
- Eye Surgery
- Glaucoma
- Hearing Impaired
- Heart Value Prosthesis
- Hemodialysis
- Hemolytic Anemia
- Hepatitis – Type _____
- Hypertension
- Hypoglycemia
- Implantable Devices: _____
- Laryngectomy
- Leukemia
- Lymphomas
- Memory Impaired
- Myasthenia Gravis
- Pacemaker
- Renal Failure
- Seizure Disorder
- Sickle Cell Anemia
- Stroke
- Tuberculosis
- Vision Impaired
- Other: _____

ALLERGIES:

- No known allergies
- Aspirin
- Barbiturate
- Codeine
- Demerol
- Horse Serum
- Insect Stings
- Latex
- Lidocaine
- Morphine
- Novocaine
- Penicillin
- Sulfa
- Tetracycline
- X-Rays Dyes
- Environmental: _____