

Care Placement

Difficult Placements

The purpose of this presentation is to inform you as to what is considered a difficult placement into a Residential Care Facility for the Elderly (RCFE) and what your options would be depending on the type of care required.

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- **Feeding Tube (G-Tube/PEG Tube/NG-Tube)**
Must be under hospice care, or in a home with 24-hour nursing
- **Bedridden**
Requires a room with fire clearance
- **Stage 3 & 4 Wounds/Wound Vac**
Must be under hospice care
- **Oxygen Not Self-Managed**
Must be under hospice care, or in a home with 24-hour nursing
- **Ostomies Not Self-Managed**
Maintenance of ostomy site must be performed by home health or a nurse in the home. Home health must train staff how to properly change bag and adhesive. Procedure and technique must be reviewed by a professional twice a month.

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- **Psych/Mental Illness**
Mental disorders can not be the primary diagnosis. If a mental disorder is a secondary diagnosis, all disruptive behaviors must be stabilized prior to admission.
- **Traumatic Brain Injury**
Howard House in Escondido, only the only dedicated transitional home for TBI in San Diego. Can go into regular RCFE and specialized memory care on a case by case basis, depending on behaviors.
- **Under Age**
Persons under 60 must have needs compatible with other residents. Only 20% of residents can be under age in any RCFE.
- **Behavioral Dementia**
Must be in a secured Memory Care setting that specializes in behaviors. Aggressive behaviors, such as hitting or screaming, must be stabilized prior to admission.
- **Insulin Injections Not Self-Managed**
Must be in an RCFE with nursing staff to administer injections.

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- **2-Person Transfer/Hoyer Lift**
Home must have adequate staffing and training. Hoyer lift may need to be included in DME, and at the home prior to discharge.
- **Low Dollar**
Few RCFEs can provide care for sub \$2,500. These RCFEs generally can only provide limited care such as Medication management, and bathing supervision. Many require residents to be ambulatory, with no dementia or assistive devices
- **Bariatric Patients**
Most RCFEs are unable to accommodate bariatric wheelchairs and/or hoyer lifts. Those that are able to generally charge a very high rate for this level of care, and may even have to hire on additional staffing.
- **Contagious Diseases**
It is extremely rare for an RCFE to be able to accommodate a resident that requires isolation and PPE. These settings are typically Nurse operated and, therefore, are very costly.

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Give Us a Call

Feel free to reach out to us directly with any and all cases. Each placement is unique and we are here to help guide you and your patient through the process.