

## *Define the Service: What is live-in care?*

Live-in care can include many arrangements. It is unusual these days to find someone who is willing to trade chore or care services in exchange for room and board. Most live-in caregivers receive a salary or daily rate for their assistance. When arranging for care, the old adage of "you get what you pay for" rings true.

A live-in caregiver likely has his or her own room or space in the home. It is important that a written agreement exists to define exactly what services will and will not be provided in return for a stated benefit or sum of money.

A live-in caregiver may have specific days and times when he or she is "on" or "off duty."

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