

Your Guide to  
*Senior Living  
Tax Deductions*





# *Are Senior Living Expenses Tax Deductible?*

It's a common question, one you may find yourself pondering more and more as you prepare yourself or a loved one for the move into a senior living community. You know the move will provide the care and peace of mind you're searching for. However, paying for long-term care can be expensive.

**The good news: You may be able to deduct up to 100% of your senior living fees and other care services as medical costs.** It all depends on the level of care and services needed. This guide will help you determine which questions to ask when planning your move into a senior living community.

## **DEDUCTION ONE: MEDICAL EXPENSES AND CARE**

Though there isn't a specific Assisted Living tax deduction available, according to the IRS, you may be eligible to deduct medical expenses — such as caregiver expenses and medical equipment — that are more than 7.5% of your adjusted gross income (AGI).

Please note: Since circumstances vary from person to person, you should consult with a financial or tax advisor to see if these deductions are available.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**



Refer to IRS Publication 502 on [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) by scanning this QR code or consult with a tax advisor.

## **DEDUCTION TWO: ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING**

Some senior living expenses may be 100% deductible as medical expenses if one fits the IRS' definition of chronically ill. Prior to moving into a community, an assessment of care needs and a care plan are provided. To qualify as chronically ill, you or your loved one must require assistance with a minimum of two activities of daily living. Those can include:

- Personal Hygiene
- Dressed and Undressed
- Toileting and Incontinence
- Transfers to and from bed/chair
- Eating

Cognitive impairment and Memory Care expenses can also be tax deductible.

## **DEDUCTION THREE: LOVED ONE AS A DEPENDENT**

If your loved one qualifies as a dependent, you may be eligible to deduct medical expenses you pay on their behalf. Though the IRS has specific requirements for who is and isn't a dependent, your loved one must meet at least these three requirements:

- The resident must be a qualifying relative of the taxpayer.
- You must provide more than 50% of the resident's financial support.
- The resident meets U.S. residency requirements.

To determine further qualifications, please consult with a financial or tax advisor.



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