

# Making an Informed Senior Care Decision



Ask yourself these questions as you work your way through the decision-making process when considering senior care:

1. How long will these home modifications allow you to remain safely in your current house?
2. Is this a viable short-term answer, or do you expect this plan to work for years to come?
3. Can the family caregiver (and their spouse or children) handle the physical, financial and emotional consequences?
4. How financially feasible is the cost of paying for in-home care when compared with moving to a senior living community?

Considering staying in your current house for home care? Here are some costs related to creating a safe home for seniors:

## **It adds up fast. A few common modifications and their estimated costs include:**

Monthly monitoring fees: \$40 & up

Smart home technology installation: \$99 to \$1,500

Grab bars (2 installed): \$250

Door widening: \$800 to \$1,200

Ramps and/or lifts: \$2,500 to \$20,000

Stair glide: \$3,000 to \$12,000

Bathroom renovations: \$3,500 to \$35,000

Ceiling lift: \$5,000 to \$12,000

Accessible master suite addition: \$3,500 - \$100,000