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## *The New York Times* Articles on CCRCs

### [The Everything-in-One Promise of a Continuing Care Community](#)

The link above to a February 26, 2016 article in business section of *The New York Times* may or may not work for you.

The reason for moving to a CCRC is succinctly explained: “Healthy, engaged retirees are increasingly drawn to continuing care communities. As they downsize, they look ahead to when they might need help with everyday activities and have health problems or mental disabilities, as many older people eventually do.”

The difficulty of comparing CCRCs is correctly identified: “The major drawback in evaluating continuing care communities is the complexity of their contracts, which come in a number of variations. Some may require a deposit of up to \$1 million, while others may charge only monthly fees. Refunds may be difficult to obtain and depend upon the length of stay and other requirements. Contract details have to be read carefully and financial statements reviewed.”

The reporter used Katherine C. Pearson of Dickinson School of Law at Penn State as his consultant. [The Summer 2011 issue of The ORANJ Tree](#) reports on Dr. Pearson’s address to the 2011 Spring Plenary. “In the afternoon, Katherine Pearson, Professor of Law at Pennsylvania State University, spoke about the need for a National Bill of Rights for residents in CCRCs. (The rights of nursing home residents are codified in both state and federal statutes, which could serve as templates for

CCRCs.) She emphasized that residents need to have a voice in the direction of their CCRCs and to have comparable information on other communities.”

In the Times article Dr. Pearson is quoted: “There’s a lack of transparency with C.C.R.C.s that’s resulted in weaker trust,” said Katherine C. Pearson, a professor at the Dickinson School of Law of Pennsylvania State University, who has testified before Congress on the issue. “You need to visit several facilities, talk to residents, look at past cost increases and five years of financial records.”



### [Parents, Adult Children Live Together in CCRCs](#)

This January 4, 2016 article in *The New York Times* has been reproduced in *Senior Housing News* and therefore is easily accessible. It cites a study that says caregivers over age 75 spend 34 hours a week helping their elders. It tells of a 71-year-old computer programmer, who lives down the hall from his mother, and suggests that living in the same CCRC represents a “new but logical aging services model.”



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