

# Homewatch CareGivers®

*Let our family care for yours.™*

When pricing non-medical home care, one finds a surprising range in hourly rates. At first glance, the cheaper price may seem like the obvious choice. With some providers charging \$15 per hour and others \$24. Think about the old adage "if it seems too good to be true - it probably is".

Providers offering bargain basement prices are usually NOT Home Care Agencies but rather Home Care Registries. "Registries" are home care providers whose aides are independent contractors and not employed by the provider. By not employing their aides, these providers substantially reduce their overhead, enabling them to charge significantly less for their services.

In order to comply with the legal definition of "independent contractor", Home Care Registries function very differently than Home Care Agencies. **Registries do NOT:**

- Supervise or manage their aides
- Provide their aides with on going training
- Pay payroll taxes, social security or provide workers compensation insurance for their aides.

So what happens to the overhead the Registries are avoiding? It is passed directly to you! You are now the employer of your aide and must take on all the financial responsibilities and the risk that entails. If their aide gets hurt in your home, you are responsible and, contrary to popular belief, Homeowner's insurance typically will not cover employees in the home.

At Homewatch CareGivers, we keep our prices as low as possible while still offering a high quality service. We want you to have peace of mind when an aide comes into your home. So we:

- Fully employ, bond and insure all of our caregivers, relieving the client of the un-expected financial responsibilities that go along with being an employer.
- Manage, supervise and carefully check the background of our caregivers.
- Assess the skill levels of caregivers and provide ongoing training.

We pride ourselves on being the quality provider of in-home care. With Homewatch CareGivers, you get solutions - not liabilities.

