Understanding the Different Elder Care Options

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Howard Krooks is quoted in *U.S. News & World Report* discussing the importance of understanding the various types of elder care facilities and identifying a facility that best suits a patient's needs. The article describes the differences between custodial, skilled nursing, and home-based care.

According to Howard, the vast majority of elders that he speaks with would prefer remaining at home for as long as possible. Given that Medicare typically does not cover home-based care, Howard expresses concern about these costs, especially if the elder does not have someone to assist them with their day-to-day needs.

"Home care is an option if you can pay yourself or with a combination of Medicaid and self-pay," Howard states.

Medicaid comes with limitations, most notably that an elder's assets must be so low that an adult child or other person is required to pay some of the expenses.

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