

Overview of ALF Eligibility Process

The basics you need to know...

Just what are they looking for??

Eligibility Criteria

A. Citizenship & State Resident

- ❖ Must be legal USA citizen
- ❖ Must be resident of state of AR

And.....

B. Aged, Blind, Physically Disabled

- ❖ Age 65 or older

- ❖ Blind per SSA standards

- ❖ **Physically** disabled by SSA standards

- If SSA disability is based on mental (or no SSA determination has been made), medical info to be sent to Medical Review Team (MRT) for physical disability determination.*

And don't forget.....

C. Financial (Income & Resources)

➤ Income

- ✓ *Based on total GROSS countable income*
- ✓ *Under current income limit (for 2017 = \$2205)*
- ✓ *Irrevocable Income Trust if over the limit*

➤ Resources

- ✓ Total countable below \$2000 limit
- ✓ Determined as of 1st day of month
- ✓ If over on 1st of month, over for entire month
- ✓ Transfer penalty – 60 month look back period

* *Examples of Resources:*

Trusts, bank accounts, real property, mineral rights, vehicles, life insurance, burial insurance, cd's, annuities, etc.

And of course.....

D. Medical Necessity

- ❖ RN completes assessment
- ❖ Determined by Office of Long Term Care (OLTC)
 - ❖ Must meet Intermediate level of care

So what do we do first??

- * Submit application (DCO 777) to request services

And then what??

- * Eligibility worker requests items needed for financial eligibility determination, and refers to RN for assessment
 - * RN schedules and completes medical assessment
- * Medical information submitted to OLTC for level of care determination

After all the pieces are put together.....

- * Application can be approved **IF**
 - 1) ALL eligibility criteria have been met

AND

 - 2) Client has moved into the ALF

But what if they've not moved in yet?????

- 30 day move-in notice

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