Overview of ALF Eligibility Process

The basics you need to know....
Eligibility Criteria

Citizenship & State Resident

- Must be legal US citizen, national of the United States or an alien in satisfactory immigration status
- Must be resident of state of AR
And...

Aged, Blind, Physical Disability

- Age 65 or older
- Blind per SSA (Social Security Administration) standards
- **Physical disability** by SSA standards

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

- Income

- Based on total GROSS countable income
- Under current income limit (for 2016 = $2199)
- Irrevocable Income Trust if over the limit
✓ 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...

Functional Need

- 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
  \textit{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
  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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