



Dear Prospective Resident

On October 1, 2011 Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 256B.0911, subdivision 3c was enacted to ensure that all prospective residents of any facility must receive a **Long-term Care Options Consultation** before entering into a lease or contract with any agency.

We know that you are in an already stressful time, so we have put together this short informational page to help you through the steps you need to do to complete this consultation.

The first thing you need to do is to call the Senior LinkAge Line at **1-800-333-2433**. They will ask you several questions called a "rapid screen".

- If, during the screen, you are determined to be "high risk" (or have many needs for assistance in your activities of daily living) you will be assisted during the conversation with arranging a "face-to-face" assessment with a county Long-term Care Consultant. During the "face-to-face" assessment, they will also assist you with any financial concerns that you might have.
- If you are determined to be "moderate risk" they will give you several local options to also check before making your final decision. You can also request a "face-to-face" assessment.
- If you are determined to be "low risk" they will help you develop a "light support plan" if you want help seeking and setting up a plan for home and community based services. You can also request a "face-to-face" assessment.

All callers regardless of risk level are offered an *Age In Place Packet* which gives information on planning for life's changes, falls prevention, financing, home safety, a list of additional recourses and all the housing options for older adults.

At the end of your conversation you will be given a **Verification Number**. It is important that you keep this number. You will need to give this number to any provider of services (Assisted Living, Nursing Home, or Home Care Agency) you choose (now and if the future).

Your Verification Number is: \_\_\_\_\_

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