



## Before a Move: Law requires Long Term Care Options Counseling

In July 2011, the Minnesota State Legislature passed a law that requires prospective Housing with Services/Assisted Living tenants to call the state's Senior LinkAge Line<sup>®</sup> to receive Long-term Care Options Counseling and receive a verification number prior to signing a lease with us. The specific law is: Minnesota Statutes section 256B.0911, subdivision 3c.

The law requires, that before you sign a lease you need to call the Senior LinkAge Line<sup>®</sup>. When you call, you will talk with someone who will help you examine your current situation, review your options for managing activities of daily living and issues such as falls prevention.

It is your right to refuse the counseling, however, you must call the line and indicate refusal in order to receive your verification number. You may state this refusal at any time during your communications with the Senior LinkAge Line<sup>®</sup>. However, you must still get the verification number from the Senior LinkAge Line<sup>®</sup> prior to signing a lease.

If you are considering signing a lease with us or any other Housing with Services/Assisted Living organization, please take the following **important** steps as early as possible:

1. Call the Senior LinkAge Line<sup>®</sup> at 1-800-333-2433.
2. The Call Specialist, if available, will discuss long-term care options with you by conducting a short interview and provide you with a verification number. If you refuse the counseling the Call Specialist will still provide you with a verification number. If a call specialist is not available, you will need to leave your contact information on a recording and wait for them to contact you.
3. Write down the number and put it in a safe place.
4. Look for the number to come in the mail.
  - If you decide to move – write down the verification code at the bottom of this slip to provide the verification number to the housing provider.
  - If you are not moving, write down the verification code at the bottom of this slip and keep the verification number in a safe place should you later need it.

### **About the Senior LinkAge Line<sup>®</sup>:**

The Senior LinkAge Line<sup>®</sup> is a statewide service of the Minnesota Board on Aging and is provided locally through six Area Agencies on Aging.

The Senior LinkAge Line<sup>®</sup> is available by phone at 1-800-333-2433, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with 24-hour voice mail, as well as via live chat through [www.MinnesotaHelp.info](http://www.MinnesotaHelp.info).

Verification Code: \_\_\_\_\_