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OCCO Clinical Screen *LTC-2 (NF) Portal Enhancements*

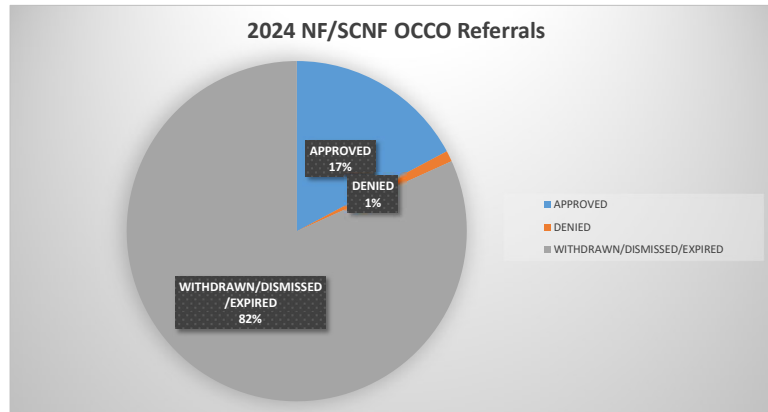
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Referrals for Clinical Assessments

- OCCO receives referrals for clinical assessments from the community and from nursing facilities
- The majority of referrals come from NFs (62,239) vs community (11,677)
- The majority of referrals from NFs are deemed inappropriate
 - Already have valid assessment on file
 - Already enrolled in MCO or PACE
 - Other (duplicate, expired, discharged, no consent/interested)
 - Denied
- In 2024 alone, out of 62,239 NF referrals only 8,943 were approved

2024 Completed NF/SCNF OCCO Referral Categories



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Actions Taken to Manage Referrals

- Automated Medicaid Status upon submission
- Increased state budget to hire additional RNs ✓
- Creation of new NF screening process

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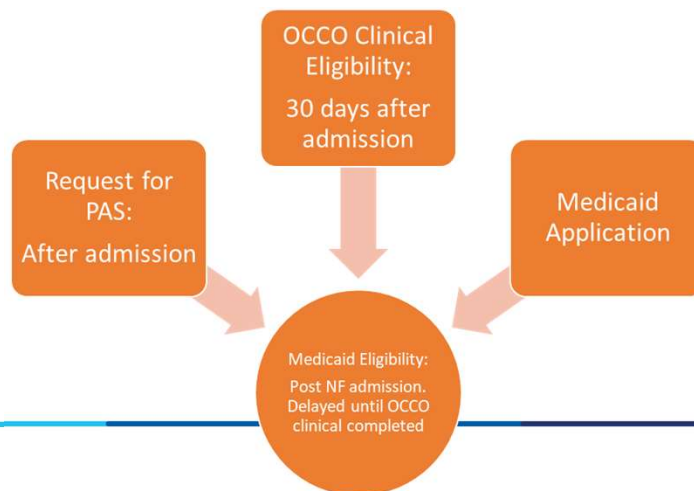
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LTC-2 NF Portal Overview

Background & Clinical Screen Considerations

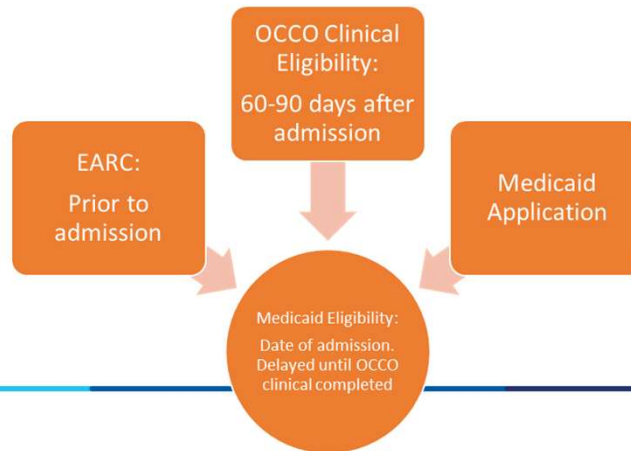
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Current Process With EARC

Medicaid Eligibility Date: To date of admission*, pending Clinical

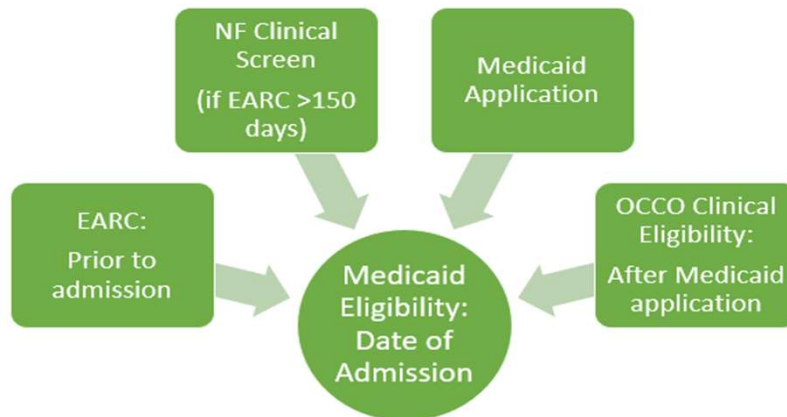
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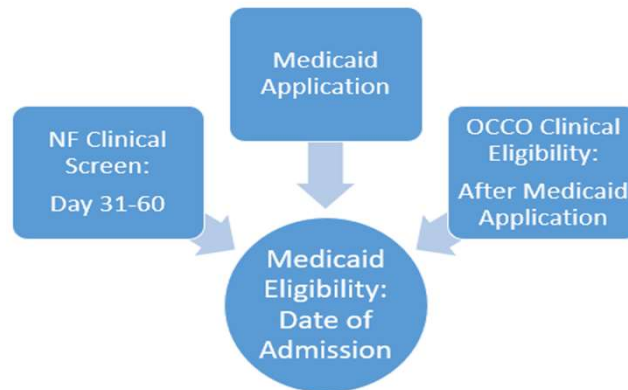
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LTC-2E, NF Clinical Screen CRITERIA

The NF Clinical Screen process is indicated for a NF resident who is residing in a Medicaid Certified Nursing Facility, admitted within the last 30 to 60 days, or had a prior NF Clinical Screen or EARC completed which is set to expire within 30 days, and:

1. Has an expectation of billing Medicaid for all or part of their stay, and
2. Is not currently enrolled in a Medicaid MCO or PACE program, and
3. The provider has submitted the LTC-2A, Notice of Admission via the NF Portal.

NOTE: A resident admitted to the NF who was eligible for MCO enrollment during a hospitalization will be enrolled with a MCO the 1st of the month following hospital discharge and is not eligible for the NF Clinical Screen.

LTC-2E, NF Clinical Screen OVERVIEW

- Required for individuals residing in a Medicaid Certified Nursing Facility (NF) with an expectation of billing NJ Medicaid for all or part of their stay who meets the identified target criteria, and who was *not admitted with a valid EARC*.
 - Most recent MDS assessment utilized for Functional Abilities items.
- Once **authorized**, serves as a **180-day authorization** for continued NF placement from date of admission; contingent upon full clinical and financial eligibility.
- **If no EARC upon admission**, the LTC-2E must be submitted after 30 days of admission and up through day 60 of admission.
 - Any LTC-2E submitted after day 60 of admission will be valid from the date of submission through 180 days.
- **If valid EARC upon admission**, the LTC-2E may be submitted within 30 days of the EARC valid through date (180 days) if Medicaid eligibility not yet established.
 - The NF is encouraged to request an EARC for any new admission from an acute care hospital.
 - **NOTE: The LTC-2E is not to be confused with an approved clinical eligibility assessment**

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LTC-2E, Nursing Facility Clinical Screen SECTIONS

1. Request Type	7. Communication/Cognitive Patterns
2. Verification	8. Functional Abilities*
3. Nursing Facility Admission Detail	9. Potential Nursing Facility Level of Care
4. MDS History	10. Participation in (MDS)*
5. Financial Eligibility	11. Assessment and Goal Setting*
6. Medical	12. Attestation

- Refer to BLANK LTC-2E, Nursing Facility Clinical Screen for specific items.

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LTC-2E, NF Clinical Screen General Considerations

- Billing Agents are not permitted to complete/submit the LTC-2E due to need for direct access to MDS data and communication with resident/legal representative for purposes of determining financial status for potential Medicaid application and providing counseling on next steps.
- Verification of resident information is required.
- Many items in the NF Clinical Screen are from the MDS 3.0 assessment that is conducted by the NF as required by CMS.
 - NF users must review the MDS 3.0 and input the values in the NF Clinical Screen where applicable.
 - For any MDS item in the LTC-2E, the coding values are the same.
- All items are required unless a skip pattern is identified.

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LTC-2E, NF Clinical Screen DETERMINATION

- Algorithm generated OCCO Determination
 - Following input of required MDS items, a statement will display to indicate whether resident appears to meet Nursing Facility Level of Care. NF user must continue to complete all remaining fields to ensure submission.
 - If indicated as "*No. Criteria for 3 ADLs is not coded*", no onsite OCCO clinical assessment will be conducted until receipt of the CP-2 from the CSSA.
 - OCCO Determination will be identified as "Referral Dismissed" and request is closed.
 - If closed, the NF must conduct discharge planning and provide options counseling.
 - If any change in condition, a new LTC-2E submission is required.
- OCCO SS will review eligibility for NFCS and if appropriate, will input clinical determination into clinical eligibility system.
 - If the referral cannot be processed, the determination will be updated to reflect a dismissal.

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LTC-2E, NF Clinical Screen Processing Considerations

- Automated algorithm provides immediate outcome to indicate if NF Level of Care appears to be met.
 - **This is not a final OCCO Determination**, which only occurs following OCCO Support Staff processing.
 - Regardless of determination, no onsite OCCO Clinical Assessment will be scheduled.
- Onsite OCCO assessment will only occur following receipt of CSSA (aka CWA) CP-2 referral.

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NF Provider Considerations

Direct NF Staff Portal Access
Hospital EARC Encouraged



Direct NF Staff Portal Access

- NF providers must determine who will be responsible for completing the LTC-2E, NF Clinical Screening.
 - No billing agent is permitted to complete and submit the LTC-2E, NF Clinical Screening.
 - Expected NF user(s) responsible for this submission must be onsite and have access to NF Portal, as well as the CMS MDS assessment system to fully complete the LTC-2E, NF Clinical Screening.
 - An options counseling discussion with the resident, and/or representative contact is expected to determine interest in accessing Medicaid
 - If no current, direct NF staff are registered for portal access, the NF providers are expected to complete the registration process for these users prior to Phase II implementation.
 - Following implementation, the ability for the NF to submit the LTC-2B, Request for Clinical Assessment will be limited.

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Requesting Hospital EARC

- Ensure the NF is requesting and receives EARC Screenings completed by any discharging hospital to minimize the need for the NFCS early in the admission process.
 - The EARC serves as 180-day authorization from date of admission if both Medicaid financial and clinical eligibility are fully completed.
 - The NFCS would therefore only be indicated in these instances if the original EARC is set to expire within 30 days.

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Next Steps

- Portal registration for new users
- Schedule training for NF users
- Finalize go-live date for submissions

Tentative Training Schedule

- *Monday, July 28, 2025: Recorded NF Portal Demonstration*
 - All new and existing users must view recorded training prior to user training sessions
 - Duration: 1.5 hours
- *Wednesday, August 13, 2025 (10:00 AM): NF Portal Phase II Training*
 - Live training session for all new and existing portal users
 - Duration: 1.5 hours
- *Wednesday, August 20, 2025 (10:00 AM): LTC-2E, NF Clinical Screen Training*
 - Live training session for any new or existing user who will be responsible for conducting the screening process
 - Duration: 1.5 hours

Tentative: Current Portal Shutdown and GO LIVE Date (Phase II)

- Existing Portal Shutdown, *Tuesday, August 26, 2025 (5:00 PM)*
- Phase II Implementation anticipated for *September 2, 2025*.
 - All new and current users must have attended or viewed recorded trainings and related documents.
 - New portal login detail to be provided to each registered user on the day of implementation.
 - New users must be registered. Submission of SF-2, Portal User Access form required.
 - NOTE: Access link only valid for 24 hours.
 - NF guidance will be provided as the time draws near to discuss any considerations for existing requests due to implementation of the LTC-2E, NF Clinical Screen.

Questions?