

# AI Match Navigation Link - Implementation Summary

## ✓ Changes Completed

### Navigation Link Details

**Location:** Main sidebar navigation (desktop) + Mobile tab bar (mobile devices)

**Position:** 3rd item in navigation, right after “Dashboard” and “Search Homes”

#### Visual Details:

- **Icon:** ⚡ Lightning bolt (FiZap) - represents AI-powered matching
- **Label:** “AI Match” - clear and descriptive
- **URL:** /dashboard/find-care - points to the AI Matching Engine feature
- **Visibility:**  Visible on both desktop sidebar and mobile bottom navigation

#### Access Control:

- Restricted to: FAMILY, OPERATOR, and ADMIN roles
- Automatically hidden for CAREGIVER, STAFF, and AFFILIATE users

## What Users Will See

### Desktop Navigation

```
Dashboard
Search Homes
⚡ AI Match      ← NEW! (highlighted when active)
Marketplace
Operator
...
```

### Mobile Bottom Navigation Bar

```
[Dashboard] [Marketplace] [⚡ AI Match] [Calendar] [More]
```

## User Experience Improvements

1. **Prominent Placement:** Positioned near the top of navigation for easy access
2. **Mobile Visibility:** Available in mobile tab bar for quick access on phones
3. **Visual Identity:** Lightning bolt icon makes it instantly recognizable as an AI feature
4. **Role-Based:** Only visible to users who can use the matching engine
5. **Active State:** Link highlights when user is on the AI Match page

## Technical Details

**File Modified:** src/components/layout/Layout.tsx

**Changes:**

- Added FiZap icon import
- Updated navigation item:
- Name: "AI" → "AI Match"
- Icon: FiSearch → FiZap
- Href: "/homes/match" → "/dashboard/find-care"
- showInMobileBar: false → true

**Build Status:**  Verified - production build successful

**Git Commit:** 8a9fdb

**Deployment:**  Pushed to GitHub - Render will auto-deploy

## Testing Checklist

-  Build verification passed
-  Navigation link points to correct URL
-  Role restrictions properly configured
-  Mobile visibility enabled
-  Icon and label updated
-  Changes committed and pushed

## Next Steps

1.  **Automatic Deployment:** Render will pick up the changes and redeploy
2. **Monitor Deployment:** Check Render dashboard at <https://dashboard.render.com/>
3. **Test in Production:**
  - Log in as FAMILY role user
  - Verify " AI Match" appears in sidebar
  - Click link to confirm it navigates to /dashboard/find-care
  - Check mobile view for bottom navigation visibility

## Expected User Journey

1. Family user logs into CareLinkAI
2. Sees prominent " AI Match" link in navigation
3. Clicks link
4. Lands on /dashboard/find-care page
5. Can use AI Matching Engine to find suitable care homes

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**Status:**  COMPLETE

**Date:** December 15, 2025

**Deployment:** Automatic via GitHub push