

Personal Emergency Response System (PERS)

Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) is an electronic device that enables certain individuals at high risk of institutionalization to secure help in an emergency. The individual may also wear a portable "help" button to allow for mobility. The system is connected to the individual's phone and programmed to signal a response center once a "help" button is activated. Trained professionals staff the response center, as specified by the Center for Adult Health contract standards.

Coverage and Payment Policy

PERS is covered for those individuals who live alone, or who are alone for significant parts of the day, and have no regular caretaker for extended periods of time, and who would otherwise require extensive routine supervision.

The professional ordering is responsible for ensuring the beneficiary understands and is capable of using the Emergency Response System.

This service is for individuals eligible for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) under the 1115 demonstration only.

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