

1240-D EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

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Description

An Emergency Alert System is a monitoring device/system for members who are unable to access assistance in an emergency situation.

Barring exclusions noted in this section, Emergency Alert System may include:

- A. One emergency alert system unless a second is medically necessary;
- B. The medically necessary accessories for operation;
- C. Voice or touch capability; or,
- D. Replacement of equipment in cases of loss, irreparable damage, or wear not caused by carelessness or abuse.

Considerations

The following factors will be considered when assessing the need for this service:

- A. The member lives alone or is alone for eight or more hours without contact with a service provider, family member, or other support system and cannot call 911 by using a standard phone, portable phone, or cell phone;
- B. The member's community does not have reliable/available emergency assistance on a 24-hour basis;
- C. The assessment of the member's medical and/or functional level documents an acute or chronic medical condition, which is not improving; and,
- D. The primary care provider has prescribed the system.

Settings

An Emergency Alert System may only be provided in the member's own or family home.

Exclusions

An Emergency Alert System shall not be provided:

- A. To members living in Group Homes or Child/Adult Developmental Homes; and,
- B. When the member no longer meets the target population/service considerations (e.g., the member moves to a Group Home or the member is no longer alone for

eight hours or more). When this occurs, the system and all components must be returned to the Division.