

Division of Developmental Disabilities

Medical Policy Manual

Chapter 1200

Services and Settings

1240-D EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

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PURPOSE

This policy establishes requirements for the coordination and provision of emergency alert systems to Members eligible for the Arizona Long Term Care System.

DEFINITIONS

- 1. "Emergency Alert System" (EAS) means a service that provides monitoring devices/systems for members who are unable to access assistance in an emergency and/or live alone or would be alone for intermittent periods of time without contact with a service provider, family member, or other support systems, putting the member at risk.
- 2. "Member" means an individual enrolled with the Division.
- 3. "Planning Team" means a group of people including the Member; the Responsible Person; the Support Coordinator; other State of Arizona Department of Economic Security staff, as necessary;

- and any person selected by the Member, Responsible Person, or the Department.
- 4. "Support Coordinator" means the same as "Case Manager" under A.R.S. § 36-551.

POLICY

- A. The Division of Developmental Disabilities (Division), shall cover EAS for Members who meet all of the following criteria:
 - The Member lives alone or is alone for intermittent periods of time without contact with a service provider, family member, or other support system;
 - The Member's community does not have reliable/available emergency assistance on a 24-hour basis;
 - The assessment of the Member's medical and/or functional level documents an acute or chronic medical condition;
 - 4. The Primary Care Provider (PCP) has prescribed the EAS; and
 - 5. The Member has the ability to use and operate the system.
- B. The Division shall subcontract the management of EAS to the Administrative Services Subcontractors (AdSS) for Members enrolled in AdSS health plans.



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- The Support Coordinator, when a Member enrolled in a subcontracted C. health plan requests an EAS or the Planning Team identifies the need for one, shall:
 - Advise the Member to contact their PCP for a prescription. 1.
 - 2. Coordinate the service as per the subcontracted health plan's referral process.
 - 3. Follow the Health Escalation Path if the Member experiences difficulty obtaining an EAS.
- The Support Coordinator, when a Member enrolled in the Tribal Health D. Program requests an EAS or the Planning Team identifies the need for one, shall:
 - Advise the Member to contact their PCP for a prescription. 1.
 - 2. Coordinate the service as per the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System referral process.
- The Support Coordinator shall document all actions pertaining to the E. coordination of EAS in the Member's case file.

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