

Attachment A

Enhanced Technology/Cellular Personal Emergency Response System (PERS)

Enhanced Technology/Cellular Personal Emergency System (PERS) provides personal emergency response service for Consumers who are assessed as having a need for this service. PERS is available according to need regardless of whether the consumer has a landline or a cell phone. Cellular PERS functionality includes:

- Cellular capacity is built into the PERS unit, allowing emergency calls to go to the monitoring center.
- A help button, which when activated by the consumer triggers immediate response 24/7 via two-way voice connection through the PERS device.

Cellular PERS may also include fall detection technology. This option provides 24/7 access to emergency assistance both inside and outside the home, GPS-monitoring, and can automatically detect falls. The functionality includes:

- While in the home the button works in conjunction with the in-home communicator.
- If help is needed away from the home, the button is equipped with a cellular two-way speakerphone and locating technologies designed to support the Response Center in locating the user and sending help. While outside the home, the button becomes the communicator.

Agencies that provide Enhanced Technology/Cellular PERS under the Waiver are not required to meet the requirements for participation in Medicaid, as provided in 130 CMR 409.00 (MassHealth Durable Medical Equipment regulations). This service is not duplicative of services available through the MassHealth State Plan. Consumers may not receive Enhanced Technology/Cellular Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) at the same time that they receive State Plan PERS.