

17.13 Personal Emergency Response System (PERS)

Procedure Codes	Rates	Units	Additional Descriptor	Budget Component
S5160HI	Reasonable & Customary	Single	Purchase/Installation/Testing	Individual/Family Supports
S5161HI	Reasonable & Customary	Month	Response Center Monitoring	Individual/Family Supports

17.13.1 Description

PERS is an electronic device that enables program participants to secure help in an emergency. The participant may also wear a portable "help" button to allow for mobility. The system is connected to the participant's phone and programmed to signal a response center once a "help" button is activated. The response center is staffed by trained professionals, as specified herein. The service may include the purchase, the installation, a monthly service fee, or all of the above.

17.13.2 Service Limits

All PERS shall meet applicable standards of manufacture, design and installation and are subject to prior approval on an individual basis by DDD.

17.13.3 Provider Qualifications

All providers of PERS must comply with the standards set forth in this manual.

In addition, PERS providers must meet the following:

- Certified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
- UL/ETL Approved Devices.

17.13.4 Examples of PERS Activities

*Please note that examples are not all inclusive of everything that can be funded through this service

- PERS equipment
- Cost of installation and testing
- Monthly cost of response center services

17.13.5 PERS Policies/Standards

In addition to the standards set forth in this manual, the service provider and staff must comply with relevant licensing and/or certification standards.

17.14.5.1 Need for Service and Process for Choice of Provider

The need for PERS will be identified through the NJ Comprehensive Assessment Tool (NJ CAT) and the person centered planning process documented in the Person Centered Planning Tool (PCPT). Once this need is identified, an outcome related to the result(s) expected through the use of the relevant PERS will be included in the Individual Service Plan (ISP).