

**Long Term Services Benefit Specifications and Provider Qualifications**

## SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

### SCOPE OF BENEFIT/SERVICE

Specialized equipment and supplies are items needed for participant and/or caregiver health and safety. Items include devices to assist with mobility and transfers, grab bars and bath equipment, and incontinence supplies. The service also includes adaptive equipment such as reaching tools, grabbers, specialized utensils, devices to assist with dressing, and environmental controls. Eligible participants may access a personal emergency response system (PERS) which includes a basic electronic device that enables participants to secure help in an emergency and may include add-ons to the basic device such as a fall detector mechanism, a medication reminder system or a GPS locator device.

This service also includes installation, maintenance and upkeep of items covered under the service, as well as training for the participant or caregiver in the operation and maintenance of the item.

### AMOUNT OF BENEFIT/SERVICE, INCLUDING LIMITATIONS

Participants/caregivers may select services identified in their assessment which they or their unpaid caregiver are eligible to receive. All other payment sources such as Medicare, Apple Health, Veterans benefits, or private insurance must be considered before the demonstration service may be authorized.

### DURATION OF BENEFIT/SERVICE, INCLUDING LIMITATIONS

N/A.

### AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Respite care is available to unpaid caregivers who live with the care recipient or who provide the minimum required amount of unpaid caregiving each week and who meet the minimum threshold of caregiver burden.

### PROVIDER SPECIFICATIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:

- Individual (list types)                       Agency (list types of agencies)
- Legally Responsible Person                       Relative/Legal Guardian

#### 1. PROVIDER TYPE: SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT OR SUPPLY COMPANY

License Required:                       Yes                       No

Certificate Required:                       Yes                       No

Must be licensed to do business in Washington State.

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2. PROVIDER TYPE: **PERS MONITORING AGENCY**

License Required:  Yes  No

Certificate Required:  Yes  No

The PERS Monitoring Agency must be capable of simultaneously responding to multiple signals for help from clients with PERS equipment. The monitoring agency's equipment must include a primary receiver, a standby information retrieval system and a separate telephone service, a standby receiver, a standby backup power supply, and a telephone line monitor. The primary receiver and backup receiver must be independent and interchangeable. The clock printer must print out the time and date of the emergency signal, the PERS client's medical identification code (PIC) and the emergency code that indicates whether the signal is active, passive, or a responder test. The telephone line monitor must give visual and audible signals when an incoming telephone line is disconnected for more than 10 seconds. The monitoring agency must maintain detailed technical and operations manuals that describe PERS elements including PERS equipment installation, functioning, and testing; emergency response protocols; and record keeping and reporting procedures.