A. SUBJECT
   Home Based Personal Emergency Response Systems

B. BACKGROUND
   Personal Emergency response systems (PERS) also known as Medical Emergency Response Systems are composed of a radio transmitter, a console connection to a telephone line and an emergency response monitoring center. In specific clinical situations, and as part of physician prescribed plan of treatment, access to PERS may facilitate personal safety and allow a patient to safely remain in the home setting.

   Recent technological developments of PERS support devices that may be worn around the neck (pendant) or on the wrist (wristband) potentially facilitating emergency response in the community setting. These devices are not considered medically necessary and are not covered by CareSource.

   Note: PERS are available for MyCare Waiver members. The above statement does not apply to MyCare Waiver members.

C. DEFINITIONS
   N/A

D. POLICY
   I. The use of a Personal Emergency Response system in a member’s home may be medically necessary when ALL of the following criteria are met:
   A. Documentation by the patient’s physician of:
1. The specific clinical diagnoses and/or physical-functional limitations which serve as an indication for a Personal Emergency Response System
2. How the Personal Emergency Response system specifically will improve member safety and facilitate continued residence in the home setting
   B. The member retains an appropriate cellular or landline phone system that will support the PERS device

CONDITIONS OF COVERAGE
HCPCS
CPT

AUTHORIZATION PERIOD

E. RELATED POLICIES/RULES

F. REVIEW/REVISION HISTORY
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G. REFERENCES

The Medical Policy Statement detailed above has received due consideration as defined in the Medical Policy Statement Policy and is approved.