

# PERSONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEMS (PERS)

A Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) is an electronic device that allows an individual to secure help in an emergency. PERS connects to an individual's phone and sends a signal to a response center when a "help" button is activated. The individual may also wear a portable "help" button to allow for mobility.



## PERS THROUGH THE DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (DDD)

INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED IN THE SUPPORTS PROGRAM OR THE COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM (CCP) CAN USE THEIR DDD BUDGET FOR PERSONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEMS.

### DDD FUNDING MAY COVER:

- Purchase of a device
- Cost of installation
- Monthly payments for service

\*All providers of PERS must comply with the standards set forth in the DDD Supports Program and Community Care Program Manuals.

### ELIGIBILITY

The need for PERS is identified through the New Jersey Comprehensive Assessment Tool (NJCAT) and the Person-Centered Planning Tool (PCPT), then added to the Individual Service Plan (ISP). Eligibility for PERS is decided on a case-by-case basis.

### USING YOUR DDD BUDGET FOR PERS

The individual must contact their Support Coordinator and select a DDD approved service provider. The Support Coordinator then contacts the service provider with the ISP and any necessary documentation. The service provider must respond to the request within 5 working days.



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## FUNDING FOR PERS THROUGH MEDICAID

### MANAGED LONG-TERM SERVICES & SUPPORTS (MLTSS)

**Individuals cannot have DDD services and MLTSS simultaneously.**

Medicaid program for low-income seniors and individuals with disabilities who need significant support. To be eligible for MLTSS, a person with a disability must be assessed as requiring a nursing facility level of care. PERS may be covered for persons with disabilities who are living in the community and receive MLTSS services. Learn more about MLTSS here: [bit.ly/longtermsupport](http://bit.ly/longtermsupport)

### PERSONAL PREFERENCE PROGRAM (PPP)

Allows an individual to remain in their home and receive services without using a home health care agency. Individuals use a monthly budget to hire staff for personal assistance, but the budget can also be used for devices that would increase independence (such as PERS).

**PERS must be requested through a DDD waiver and denied prior to requesting it through PPP.**

### DEVICE/SERVICE SPECIFICATIONS

All PERS devices and providers must be certified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. All devices must be UL or ETL approved. Look for these symbols on the device:

