1240-D  EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

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INITIAL
EFFECTIVE DATE:  02/14/1996

Description

AHCCCS covers monitoring devices/systems for ALTCS members who are unable to access assistance in an emergency situation and/or live alone.

Amount, Duration and Scope

In order to be approved to receive/use emergency alert system equipment, the following five criteria must be met:

1. The member must have the ability to use and operate the system

2. The member does not have reliable/available emergency assistance on a 24 hour basis

3. The member lives alone in the member’s own home or would be alone for intermittent periods of time without contact with a service provider, family members or other support systems, leaving the member at risk. If emergency alert system equipment is to be provided for members residing in a HCB alternative residential setting, it must be justified by the case manager and approved by the Managed Care Contractor or the AHCCCS Administration for FFS members.

4. The assessment of the member’s medical and/or functional level documents an acute or chronic medical condition which is not improving, and

5. The cost effectiveness study completed by the member’s case manager shows that the total cost of the emergency alert system equipment, when combined with other HCB services, is cost effective.

Emergency alert system equipment may not be provided without orders from the member’s primary care provider. The member’s case manager must authorize the service initially, and each time the member’s service plan is reviewed in order to continue the service.

Units are reported as emergency alert system, rented and a monthly services/maintenance fee.
There are no restrictions regarding other HCB services that may be provided in conjunction with emergency alert system services.