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**PERS (Personal Emergency Response System) / Medical Alert Pendant**

In order to receive a PERS unit in the home, a consumer must meet **ALL** of the following criteria:

1. Live alone or is alone for a significant part of the day
2. Currently are, or have been a fall risk / history of falls in last 3 months
3. Are medically and / or functionally in need
4. In need of an assistive device (walker, cane, wheelchair, scooter)
5. Unable to get up or get help in the event of a fall

Lebanon Area Agency on Aging partners with Philips Lifeline to provide PERS units to seniors. PERS units, sometimes known as medical alert pendants, are used to contact family and /or emergency help in the event of a fall. Clients have a choice of either a necklace pendant or a watch-style bracelet that is worn around the wrist. All styles are water-proof and designed to be worn in the bath or shower. A small speaker unit will be installed in the home by a Philips technician, which will allow the representative to communicate with the client in the event of an emergency. At this time, we do not offer units with fall detection or GPS tracking.

PERS services are billed through a cost share model. Individual monthly income (and spousal income, if married) is reviewed to determine the cost share percent the client would be responsible for. The total monthly cost of services will be calculated based upon this percent.

**EXAMPLE ONLY:** John Doe is eligible for a PERS unit. The total monthly cost is \$27. After a review of John's income, his cost share percent is calculated at 40%. John will be responsible for paying 40% of the monthly cost. John's portion that he is required to pay will be \$10.80 / month.  $\$27 \times 40\% = \$10.80$

To start the application / referral process, please contact our office via phone at 717-273-9262. We will complete an intake, gather your information and discuss information related to need for services. We will review the criteria for our programs and if the criteria are met, we will assign you to a Care Manager. You and your Care Manager will then schedule a time to complete a more detailed assessment, after which services can be started.