# Administrative Bulletin 24-21

**101 CMR 322.00:** ***Rates for Durable Medical Equipment, Oxygen and***

***Respiratory Therapy Equipment***

Effective July 1, 2024

Cellular Network Personal Emergency Response System

## Introduction

This administrative bulletin adds cellular network Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS) to the services covered by MassHealth. Members may now connect using either a landline or cellular network. This is allowed under 101 CMR 322.03(16)(b). MassHealth is also adding the U8 modifier, which will identify the use of a cellular network with a PERS. Billing the PERS codes without the U8 modifier will indicate a landline PERS was used.

## New Modifier

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| **Modifier** | **Description** |
| U8 | Informational modifier to be used in combination with S5160, S5161RR, S5162, and S5162TW when the unit is a cellular network Personal Emergency Response System. |

## Addition of Modifier and Code Combinations

| **Code** | **Rate** | **Description** |
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| S5160 U8 | $38.53 | *Cellular Network* Emergency Response System; installation and testing |

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| **Code** | **Rate** | **Description** |
| S5161 RR U8 | $20.00 | *Cellular Network* Emergency Response System: service fee, per month (excludes installation and testing) |
| S5162 U8 | AAC+30% | *Cellular Network* Emergency Response System; purchase only |
| S5162 TW U8 | $30.00 | *Cellular Network* Emergency Response System; purchase only (back-up equipment; for MassHealth members only, use this HCPCS code and modifier combination for a replacement auto alert transmitter button for PERS, used for a lost button only, cannot be billed separately at the time the unit is installed) |