

Peace of Mind at the Push of a Button

If you or someone you love is concerned about personal safety or security, help may be closer than you think. McDonough District Hospital has contracted with a new company, Critical Signal Technologies (CST), to provide an emergency home response system to subscribers in the service area. This service, formerly provided by LifeLine, offers advanced in-home alert and monitoring systems that make it safe and easy for seniors and those with unique physical challenges to remain independent.

Subscribers pay a monthly fee for connection to CST's 24-hour care center, a monitoring facility staffed by highly trained professionals. MDH's Day Health Services is a regional CST provider for Illinois. The Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) is easy to install and maintenance free. In case of an emergency, subscribers simply push the personal help button worn around their neck or wrist and a CST Care Center representative will quickly notify the appropriate responders. The PERS product can also be programmed to provide up to eight reminders or messages to play at specific times during the day. CST can also provide accessories to complement the standard PERS unit such as a medication monitoring system.

CST products are appropriate for the following audiences: (1) anyone who lives alone and is concerned about their personal safety; (2) post-operative patients or people with chronic illnesses who want to maintain a link to medical assistance; (3) physically challenged persons; and (4) even new mothers who may temporarily need the added assurance that help is close by.

Installing a PERS product is cost-effective and can provide peace of mind to you and your loved ones. MDH, in partnership with CST, is dedicated to preserving dignity and respect by providing products and services that help prevent premature institutionalization, relieve isolation, and improve overall quality of life.

For more information about CST, contact MDH Day Health Services at (309) 836-1656. A representative would be happy to meet with you and discuss the products that are available.



Kathy Wyatt, director of MDH Day Health Services, discusses the CST Personal Emergency Response System with subscriber Virginia Eflund of Bushnell.

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