

INTRODUCING THE COMPANION PROGRAM

FROM BERKSHIRE COMMUNICATORS INC. AND LONGVIEW EMPLOYEE SERVICES

Given the choice, most seniors and persons with medical conditions or physical challenges, would prefer to live in their own homes and be as independent as they can. That's not always possible. But for many, this dream can become a reality. The Companion Program offers members and family members peace of mind by providing professional operators who are there 24 hrs a day whenever you or your loved one needs assistance.

The Companion is connected to the existing telephone system, and places a call for help when needed. Family, neighbors, and medical personnel are notified immediately so they can respond. The calls are answered by trained operators at the Berkshire Communicators Emergency Monitoring Center (BCI). When these operators receive the call, they notify the key people whom you have pre-selected to respond in specific situations: family members, neighbors, friends, or appropriate rescue personnel. It can even notify a pager. Most systems only send in an alarm signal. With The Companion Program, Berkshire Communicator Operators actually speak with the individual.

For even greater protection, you can add special features like medication reminders, smoke detectors and carbon monoxide sensors. There are activity sensors that send a call for help if you're not moving around as much as usual. You can even add freeze and flood sensors to protect your home when you're away.

The Companion is ideal for:

- Seniors who live alone or are alone at times
- People with medical conditions
- People with difficulty walking who are in danger of falling
- Anyone who might need help in an emergency

Employees and their family members who have Longview Employee Services for their EAP qualify for a 30% discount off on the monthly fee of \$29.95 bringing your cost to \$20.96. If you choose to install the program yourself, there is no installation fee.

For more information, contact Berkshire Communicators at 1-866-237-3455.