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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Nursing Facilities; ICFs/MR 16 Bed & Over; HDCs;
 ICFs/MR Under 16 Beds; ALF Level I; ALF Level II;
 RCFs; Adult Day Cares; Adult Day Health Cares;
 Post-Acute Head Injury Facilities; Interested Parties;
 DHS County Offices

FROM: Carol Shockley, Director, Office of Long Term Care

DATE: October 7, 2010

RE: Advisory Memo - Surge Suppressors and Surge Protectors

There has been confusion regarding the use and types of surge suppressors, surge protectors and power taps in facilities. The following clarifies those issues.

The surge protectors and surge suppressors can be utilized in facilities. Surge protectors or surge suppressors must:

1. Be Underwriter Laboratory Listed (UL).
2. Be equipped with an on/off switch.
3. Be equipped with an Indicator Light which shall be in working order (the light should be on).
4. Have a listed minimum rating of 330v.
5. Be labeled on the device as "Surge Protector" or "Surge Suppressor" or have the surge suppression or surge protection capability printed on the device.

Please be aware that a device that has "power tap" on the box or on the device is **not** a surge protector or surge suppressor and may not be used.

Should you have any question about the types of devices, or the manner in which they may be utilized, please contact Maynard Vogelgesang at 501-682-8153 or via email at:

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