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TO: All Health Care Facilities

SUBJECT: Assembly Bill (AB) 1014 – Diesel Backup Generator Testing

AUTHORITY: Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 41514.1

All Facilities Letter (AFL) Summary

This AFL informs health care facilities of the chaptering of AB 1014, which requires specified health care facilities to test and maintain each of the facility's diesel backup generators and standby systems in compliance with the federal standards.

Effective January 1, 2018, AB 1014 (Chapter 145, Statutes of 2017) requires general acute care hospitals (GACHs), acute psychiatric hospitals (APHs), skilled nursing facilities (SNF), intermediate care facilities (ICFs), special hospitals (SHs), intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled (ICF/DDs), and nursing facilities (NFs) to test and maintain each of the facility's diesel backup generators and standby systems in conformance with the National Fire Protection Association 110: Standard for Emergency and Standby Power Systems (NFPA 110).

The new standards are in the 2012 edition of NFPA 110, adopted by the federal Life Safety Code (LSC) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). CDPH currently enforces the LSC and NFPA 110 requirements for facilities certified for Medicare/Medi-Cal participation.

Nothing in this bill changes the regulation of diesel backup generators testing by the state's Air Resources Board or local air quality districts.

If you have questions regarding this AFL, please contact the Life Safety Code Unit at (909) 381-6591, or by email at LSC@cdph.ca.gov.

CDPH's failure to expressly notify facilities of statutory or regulatory requirements does not relieve facilities of their responsibility for following all laws and regulations. Facilities should refer to the full text of all applicable sections of HSC and the California Code of Regulations to ensure compliance.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Jean Iacino

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