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Chapter 449@ Medical and Other Related Facilities

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A hospital which prepares, sterilizes and stores its supplies and equipment directly shall develop systems and standards that are consistent with: (a) The standards for the control of infection established by the infection control officer of the hospital; (b) The standards developed by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration for the preparation, sterilization and storage of such supplies and equipment; and (c) When applicable, the manufacturer's guidelines for the use and maintenance of

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3.

If the supplies and equipment are sterilized on the premises of a hospital, the process of sterilization must be supervised by a person who has received specialized training in the operation of the process of sterilization, including training in methods of testing the process to verify the efficiency of the process of sterilization.