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Title 22@ Social Security

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Division 5@ Licensing and Certification of Health Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Clinics, and Referral Agencies

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Chapter 3@ Skilled Nursing Facilities

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Article 6@ Physical Plant

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Section 72651@ Water Supply and Plumbing

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(a)

Where water for human consumption is from an independent source, it shall be subjected to bacteriological analysis by the local health department or a licensed commercial laboratory at least every three months. A copy of the most recent laboratory report shall be available for inspection.

(b)

Plumbing and drainage facilities shall be maintained in compliance with Part 5, Title 24, California Administrative Code, Basic Plumbing Requirements. Drinking water supplies shall comply with Group 4, Subchapter 1, Chapter 5, Division T17, Part 6, of Title 24, California Administrative Code.

(c)

Vacuum breakers shall be maintained in operating condition where required by Section T17-210(c), Division T17, Part 6, Title 24, California Administrative Code.

(d)

Hot water temperature controls shall be maintained to automatically regulate temperature of hot water delivered to plumbing fixtures used by patients to attain a hot water temperature in compliance with Section T17-210(e), Title 24, California Administrative Code.

(e)

Minimum hot water temperature shall be maintained at the final rinse section of

dishwashing facilities as required by Section T17-210(f), Division T17, Part 6, Title 24, California Administrative Code unless alternate methods are approved by the Department.

(f)

Taps delivering water at or above the stated temperatures shall be in compliance with requirements specified in Section T17-214(e), Division T17, Part 6, Title 24, California Administrative Code. Special precautions shall be taken to prevent the scalding of patients.

(g)

Grab bars, readily accessible to patients, shall be maintained at each toilet, bathtub and shower used by patients.

(h)

Toilet, handwashing and bathing facilities shall be maintained in operating condition and in the number and types specified in construction requirements in effect at the time the building or unit was constructed. Those handwashing facilities listed in Section T17-208, Division T17, Part 6, of Title 24, California Administrative Code, shall not be equipped with aerators.

(i)

If the facility accepts physically handicapped patients, the water closets, bathing and toileting appliances shall be equipped for use by the physically handicapped.