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State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES  
P. O. BOX 1237 TRENTON, 08625

June 21, 1968

TO: ALL LICENSED AND APPROVED HOSPITALS

RE: POLICY STATEMENT ON EMERGENCY AUXILIARY POWER FOR EXISTING HOSPITAL FACILITIES.

The State Board of Control, at its meeting on April 24, 1968, approved the policy statement recommended by the Hospital Licensing Board on emergency auxiliary power for existing hospital facilities. A copy of this policy statement is attached.

It is requested that receipt of the policy statement be acknowledged by return of the following form and that Mr. Thomas M. Russo, Chief of the Bureau of Community Institutions, be informed of the plans and priorities established by the hospital for implementing the recommendations of the policy statement. Any question regarding this matter should be directed to Mr. Russo.

Sincerely yours,

*Lloyd W. McCorkle*

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Commissioner

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This will acknowledge receipt of the regulations adopted by the State Board of Control on April 24, 1968 on the policy statement on emergency auxiliary power for existing hospital facilities.

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Signature of Licensee, Administrator  
or Authorized Representative

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Name of Hospital

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Date

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Address

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
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POLICY STATEMENT ON EMERGENCY AUXILIARY POWER  
FOR EXISTING HOSPITAL FACILITIES

The Hospital Licensing Board recognizes the dependence of hospitals on electric power as essential for the operation of the facility and for the safety of patients and staff. This necessarily requires that there be an adequate auxiliary power source for lighting, operation of the plant and apparatus, and the continuation of treatment in which timing is critical during any interruption of the normal electric supply. For this purpose, the Hospital Licensing Board recommends that each existing hospital facility licensed or approved by the Department adopt to the extent of its determined needs and capabilities the emergency electric service standards promulgated by the U. S. Public Health Service for the construction and equipment of hospital facilities.

The Hospital Licensing Board realizes that it would be unrealistic to require that all existing hospital facilities meet in full these standards, but deems it essential that each hospital evaluate its program by taking the following action:

1. Review and evaluate existing resources and programs for emergency electric power service in comparison with the U. S. Public Health Service standards;
2. determine those elements of the standards which can and should be adopted to assure the safety of patients and staff, giving primary consideration to those areas where acute medical and patient care is rendered;
3. establish and implement on a priority basis a plan for progressively improving the existing emergency electrical power resources so as to eventually meet the U. S. Public Health Service standards within reasonable time limits; and
4. inform the Bureau of Community Institutions of the plans and priorities established for correcting deficiencies and hazardous conditions provided the hospital is not already adequately protected.

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Recommended by the Hospital Licensing Board on April 5, 1968.  
Approved by the State Board of Control on April 24, 1968.

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