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DEPARTMENT OF INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES

P. O. BOX 1237

TRENTON, 08625

June 21, 1968

TO: ALL LICENSED OR APPROVED INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES

RE: REGULATIONS ON PATIENT SMOKING

The State Board of Control, at its meeting on April 24, 1968, approved the regulations recommended by the Hospital Licensing Board on patient smoking for all institutional facilities licensed or approved by the Department. These regulations supplement those previously approved by the Department and have been made a part of the various Manuals of Standards for licensed or approved institutional facilities. Although full compliance with the regulations shall be mandatory by April 24, 1970, compliance at an early date is recommended.

A copy of the regulations are attached and it is requested that you acknowledge their receipt by signing and returning the following form. Any question regarding the regulations should be directed to Mr. Thomas M. Russo, Chief of the Bureau of Community Institutions.

Sincerely yours,

Lloyd W. McCorkle
Commissioner

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Bureau of Community Institutions
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This will acknowledge receipt of the regulations adopted by the State Board of Control on April 24, 1968 on patient smoking.

Signature of Licensee, Administrator
or Authorized Representative

Name of Institution

Date

Address

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Department of Institutions and Agencies

REGULATIONS ON PATIENT SMOKING

The following regulations on patient smoking, adopted by the State Board of Control on April 24, 1968 and effective that date, shall be applicable to all institutional facilities licensed or approved by the Department. These regulations supplement those previously approved by the Department and have been made a part of the Manuals of Standards for licensed or approved institutional facilities. Full compliance shall be mandatory by April 24, 1970.

1. Patients shall never be permitted to smoke alone in their rooms and in other secluded areas.
2. Restricted smoking areas shall be designated and rules governing such smoking promulgated and rigidly enforced.
3. Large metal, ceramic, or non-flammable ashtrays in sufficient numbers shall be provided in permitted smoking areas so that patients will not be tempted to utilize such flammable items as paper cups, waste baskets, etc., for the disposal of tobacco remains.
4. Periodic inspections shall be made for the purpose of disclosing the surreptitious use of book matches, cigarette lighters, etc.

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