

**SECTION - HOSPITAL OPERATIONS
ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE NO. 774
(Replaces A.D. No. 774 dated 5/11/06)**

Effective Date: April 12, 2007

SUBJECT: MONITORING OF WATER TEMPERATURES OF PATIENT ACCESS AREAS

I. PURPOSE

To prevent injury from and to monitor the temperature ranges of hot water faucets utilized in all patient access areas. Patient access areas can include housing/medical units, classroom/vocational educational rooms, dining areas, clinic, gymnasium, Pastoral Services or any patient access area which contains a hot water faucet.

II. AUTHORITY

California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Sections 71665 (d) and 73649 (d).

III. POLICY

The Area Supervisor/Manager or their designee is responsible for ensuring hot water temperatures are maintained within the temperature limits of 105-120 degrees (as set by CCR Title 22).

IV. METHOD

Area Supervisors/Managers or their designees will ensure that unit staff test and record the temperature of the hot water in patient accessible areas each day.

- A. Staff will test the water in patient showers, bathroom sinks and hot water dispensers each day to ensure that hot water temperatures are safely maintained between the specified ranges of 105 -120 Degrees Fahrenheit.
- B. Each area must document temperatures taken and retain these records for a minimum of one year (See attachment A).
- C. Staff will test hot water temperatures with a facility approved thermometer.
- D. If hot water temperatures are below (105 degrees) or exceed (120 degrees); the specified temperature range, staff will notify their supervisor and/or Nurse of the Day (NOD) if after hours, who will contact Plant Operations at extension 4325 to make the necessary adjustments or repairs to correct the problem.
- E. If hot water temperatures exceed the specified range (120 degrees) staff will secure the effected devices or dispensers from patient use until the temperature is adjusted to appropriate ranges.



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Attachment A – Unit Hot Water Temperature Log

UNIT HOT WATER TEMPERATURE LOG

UNIT: _____

MONTH: _____

DATE	TIME TAKEN	SHOWER	SHOWER ROOM SINK	BATHROOM SINK	DAYROOM SINK	DAYROOM HOT WATER DISPENSER	STAFF NAME (Please print)
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