

Administrator Alert

*Policy updates & rule clarifications for Assisted Living,
Residential Care & Nursing Facilities*

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Extreme Heat

Most areas of the state have experienced high temperatures recently. As you know, the elderly are particularly vulnerable at this time.

We are providing some guidelines to assist facilities in managing the heat and high temperatures. The attached documents include recommendations as well as signs and symptoms of heat related conditions. Please review this information with your staff and residents.

It is important for each facility to review the policies and procedures it has already developed to ensure the provision of necessary care. Implementation of preventive measures to reduce the impact of heat and unnecessary discomfort of residents is even more important in facilities that do not have air conditioning.

