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Information Memorandum

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To: Assisted Living, Residential Care, Memory Care Communities

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Subject: Extreme Heat in your facility

Attention Community Based Care Providers!

Most areas of the state have experienced high temperatures recently. As you know, the elderly are particularly vulnerable at this time. It is important for each facility to review the policies and procedures it has already developed to ensure the provision of necessary care.

Under OAR 411-054-0200(7)(B):

(B) During times of extreme summer heat, fans must be made available when air conditioning is not provided.

Precautions must be taken to prevent resident exposure to stale, non-circulating air. If the licensee is unable to maintain a comfortable temperature for the residents during times of extreme summer heat, air conditioning or another cooling system may be required.

If the facility is air-conditioned, the system must be functional and the filters must be cleaned or changed as needed to ensure proper maintenance.

Helpful information can be found on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website:

<http://www.cdc.gov/extremeheat/>

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