

**4658.5520 EMERGENCY ELECTRIC SERVICE; EXISTING CONSTRUCTION.**

To provide electricity during an interruption of the normal electrical power supply that affects medical care, or safety of the occupants, an emergency source of electrical power must be provided and connected to certain circuits for lighting and the nurse call system. The emergency system must provide lighting for the nurses' station, telephone switchboard, resident corridors, exits, the boiler or heating system room, and, if provided, the emergency generator room. The emergency electrical service must assure functioning of the fire detection, alarm, and suppression systems, and the life support systems. Emergency electrical service must be provided by one of the following methods:

- A. a battery-operated system with automatic controls and recharging if effective for four or more hours; or
- B. an on-site emergency generator.

The emergency generator, if provided, must be operated and tested according to the manufacturer's instructions. It is recommended that the emergency generator system include all items necessary for the functioning of the heating system. An automatic transfer switch is recommended.

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