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Health Care
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EcoTex Compliance in Health Care Industry

As the industry leader in ozone manufacturing, EcoTex has taken a leading role in understanding the needs of the Ozone Laundry Market. A major topic is the compliance of ozone laundry in relation to the health care regulation, title 42. We are happy to announce, effective immediately the formal recognition of ozone's use in laundry sanitation by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the CDC. Below you will find a brief outline of the principal agencies that set forth the regulations of the washing process in health care industry and a link to the CMS site.

Who are the agencies



CMS; Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (National). CMS is a federal agency that creates health care regulations for Title 42. Title 42 is the framework for all individuals providing medical care i.e. Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facilities.



CDC; Center of Disease Control and Prevention (National). CDC creates recommendations and standards for other agencies to use, including CMS. Although CDC does not have any direct regulation authority, it does produce the standards followed by CMS.



DHS or DHCS; Department of Health Services or Department of Health Care Services (State). DHS/DHCS are the enforcement agencies within each state that ensures that standards set forth in title 42 are met. Each state can create its own variations or personalized standards. Please be sure to check with your local agency to assure no additional standards are in place

The overall policy-setting agency is CMS. In a recent all state memo issued by CMS, Ref: S&C: 13-09-NH, CMS has recognized ozone cleaning systems as an acceptable method of processing laundry.

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/Downloads/Survey-and-Cert-Letter-13-09.pdf>

“Ozone cleaning systems. Ozone laundry cleaning systems are relatively new. The CMS in collaboration with the CDC has determined that ozone-cleaning systems are acceptable methods of processing laundry. This method also requires closely following manufacturer's instructions. Facilities opting to utilize an ozone laundry cleaning system will need to obtain an initial agreement between the laundry service and facility that stipulates the laundry will be hygienically clean and handled to prevent recontamination from dust and dirt during loading and transport. This is not an endorsement of ozone cleaning systems.

Please direct any additional questions or concerns regarding F Tag 441 related to handling linens to prevent and control infection transmission to Jemima Drake via phone at 410-786-1526 or e-mail at jemima.drake@cms.hhs.gov.

Effective Date: Immediately. This information should be communicated with all survey and certification staff, their managers and the State/Regional Office training coordinators within 30 days of this memorandum.”

Each EcoTex unit sold by ClearWater Tech, LLC comes with a complete and detailed set of directions to allow all users to meet CMS requirements. In addition, EcoTex units are UL, cUL, CE, and NSF registered.

If there are any other standards set forth by local representatives please do not hesitate to contact ClearWater Tech for assistance.



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