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PROVIDER ALERT

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Subject: Extreme Heat Reminders

Nursing Facility Provider Alert

As you know, residents in our care are particularly vulnerable to the heat. We want to highlight and remind you of important safety information related to the unusually high temperatures we are currently experiencing.

Things to consider:

- Review and communicate your existing facility policies and procedures with all facility staff to ensure your residents' safety and comfort.
- Doors leading to outside areas should not be locked. Residents should continue to have full access to outside, but staff will need to closely monitor any residents who choose to go outdoors.
- Residents should be well hydrated on an ongoing basis; ensure that ice-water or other cool beverages are readily available.
- If appropriate, provide them with sunscreen in accordance with doctor's approval. Offer them shade opportunities and be sure they are wearing appropriate, comfortable clothing.
- Precautions must be taken to prevent residents' exposure to stale, non-circulating air. Fans should be provided to circulate air. All air-conditioning systems must be functional and the filters must be

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cleaned and changed in accordance with proper maintenance requirements.

More information can be found on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website: <http://www.cdc.gov/extremeheat/>

For general information contact the DHS Safety, Oversight, and Quality or visit the DHS Web site at www.oregon.gov/DHS

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