To: Hospital CEOs, Nursing Directors/CNOs, Risk Managers, and KHEA Members

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RE: Office of the State Fire Marshal – Power Strip Update

The Office of the State Fire Marshal has revised the Power Strip Checklist previously provided in March, 2018.

The changes are listed below:

**Medical-Grade Power Strips for use in the patient care vicinity, UL 60601-1:**
- Splash-resistant receptacle covers requiring a tool for removal has been deleted.
- The requirement for hospital-grade plug and receptacles has been deleted.
- Power strips used in patient areas cannot be used for non-medical equipment has been added.
- The sum of the ampacity for all appliances connected to the power strip cannot exceed 75% of the flexible power cord has been added.

**Medical-Grade Power Strips for mobile applications, UL 1363A:**
- The requirement for dual breakers has been deleted.
- The requirement for hospital-grade plug and receptacles has been deleted.
- Power strips used in patient areas cannot be used for non-medical equipment has been added.
- The sum of the ampacity for all appliances connected to the power strip cannot exceed 75% of the flexible power cord has been added.

**Power Strips for administrative areas and operating rooms with isolation, UL 1363:**
- The requirement for hospital-grade plug and receptacles has been deleted.
- The sum of the ampacity for all appliances connected to the power strip cannot exceed 75% of the flexible power cord has been added.

**Surge Protectors for administrative areas, UL 1449:**
- Any reference to the UL 1449 surge protectors in administrative areas has been deleted from the checklist.

Also attached is a new document from the OSFM for use in documenting power strip testing at your facility. The checklist and testing documents can also be found on the Kansas Hospital Association emergency preparedness page.

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