N1401 1200-8-6-14(1)(a) Disaster Preparedness

(a) All nursing homes must have one or more on-site electrical generators which are capable of providing emergency electrical power to at least all life sustaining equipment and life sustaining resources such as: ventilators, blood banks, biological refrigerators, safety switches for boilers, safety lighting for corridors and stairwells, and other essential equipment.

This Rule is not met as evidenced by:
Based on an interview, it was determined the facility failed to provide an on-site generator.

The findings included:
During an interview on 4/17/11, the administrator stated the facility did not have an on-site generator.

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1. No residents identified as being affected.
2. All residents have the potential to be affected.
3. Messimer Electric presented a bid on 5/13/11 for a 45Kw 120/240V single phase Generac generator. This bid includes the following: Panel L11, Telephone system, Fire Alarm, Security, Adequate Lighting and outlets located throughout the facility. Additional bids to be obtained.
4. Contract and plans for the Generator will be submitted to the state agency for approval. After approval from the state the generator will be installed. Upon installation the Maintenance Director will audit functioning of the generator 3 times per week times 3 months, then will follow maintenance and standard for routine generator schedule. The Maintenance Director will report to the Administrator any issues concerning the generator immediately.

The findings will be reported by the Maintenance Director to the Quality Assurance Committee times 3 months or until 100% compliance is achieved by the Director of Nursing. The Quality Assurance Committee consists of the Administrator, Director of Nursing, Assistant Director of Nursing, Social Services Director. MDS Coordinator, Maintenance, Environmental Services, Therapy Director, Activities Director, Dietary Manager and Medical Director.