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Q: Do generator requirements apply to the following provider types: Small ICF/IIDs; Home and Community Based Waiver (1915(c))?  

A: The regulation does not make a distinction between ICF/IIDs and “small” ICF/IIDs. According to §483.475(b)(ii) ICF/IIDs have a mandatory requirement to provide alternate sources of energy to maintain the following items:

§483.475(b)(ii) Alternate sources of energy to maintain the following:
(A) Temperatures to protect client health and safety and for the safe and sanitary storage of provisions.
(B) Emergency lighting.
(C) Fire detection, extinguishing, and alarm systems.
(D) Sewage and waste disposal.

The above provision does not specify or require that a facility must have a generator. The Emergency Preparedness regulation requires Hospitals, Critical Access Hospitals and Long-term Care Facilities to have generators.

Additionally, the Home and Community Based Waiver (1915(c)) participate in Medicaid only and are not surveyed for the emergency preparedness requirements.