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Mr. James W. Forte, P.E.
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Dear Mr. Forte:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) policy memorandum S&C 14-47, Categorical Waiver for Power Strips Use in Patient Care Areas, and the referenced Underwriters Laboratories (UL) standard requirements.

This policy memorandum requires that power strips providing power to patient care-related electrical equipment be Special-purpose Relocatable Power Taps (SPRPT) listed as UL 1363A or UL 60601-1. This criteria is intended to ensure that appropriate UL standards are being met and is *not* intended to endorse a specific testing laboratory. Therefore, a SPRPT tested to either UL 1363A or UL 60601-1 by UL or another Nationally Accepted Testing Laboratory as designated by the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration would meet CMS requirements.

Please contact CDR Martin Casey, Division of Acute Care Services, Survey and Certification Group at martin.casey@cms.hhs.gov or (410)786-9491, should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas E. Hamilton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Thomas" being the most prominent part.

Thomas E. Hamilton