

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**  
**BUREAU OF HUMAN SERVICES LICENSING**  
**Personal Care Homes** (55 Pa.Code Chapter 2600)

**Q/A - Regulatory Clarifications – October 2015**

*The clarifications and interpretations below will remain on the Department's web site until the information is included in the next updated Regulatory Compliance Guide (RCG).*

**Regulation:      § 2600.127(a) – Space Heaters**

*§ 2600.127(a) - Portable space heaters are prohibited.*

**Question:** Must PTAC units (Packaged Terminal Air Conditioner) be hard-wired?

**ANSWER:** If the PTAC unit is designed to be plugged into a normal outlet, and is installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, then the PTAC unit does not need to be hard-wired.