

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE**  
**BUREAU OF HUMAN SERVICES LICENSING**  
**Long-Term Structured Residence (55 Pa.Code Chapter 5320)**

**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: § 5320.81(e) – Building, Physical Plant and Grounds**

*§ 5320.81(e) - Portable space heaters are prohibited. Space heaters shall be adequately vented and installed with permanent connections and protectors.*

**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.