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IDPH INFORMATION NOTICE: 99-X01: Information for service facilities
operating in Iowa

ADDRESSEES: All registered service facilities

PURPOSE:

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) is issuing this information notice to review various requirements for all service registrants operating in Iowa. These are not new requirements but clarification and reminders about current rules. Action may be required after reviewing this notice. No response to this agency is necessary at this time.

DISCUSSION:

Issue 1:

After several inspections of x-ray facilities by IDPH inspectors, it has been noted that though the facilities were using registered service facilities to perform the required minimum tests to their x-ray systems, the x-ray facilities had not been provided with a copy of the service facility's letter of registration. The letter of registration was sent to each registered service facility. In the letter it is noted that a copy is to be given to each x-ray facility serviced.

Therefore, please provide each of your x-ray customers with a copy of your letter of registration in order to avoid a noncompliance for the x-ray facility. If this continues to be a problem, the service facility in question may receive a violation also. X-ray facilities are also being instructed to not use service facilities that do not provide a copy of the letter of registration in order to avoid a violation.

Issue 2:

Once a service facility has completed the maintenance checks on the x-ray systems, it is the x-ray facility's responsibility to inform IDPH that the work has been done. All paperwork on the maintenance should be maintained at the x-ray facility for review by the IDPH inspector.

Issue 3:

At this time, veterinary, industrial, and bone densitometry units are exempt from the two-year test requirement of 641-41.1(3)"a". Several of these types of facilities have been solicited under this rule. Service facilities may solicit any facility's business, but, please do not use the above rule for exempt facilities.

We appreciate your cooperation in placing the information in this notice in effect. If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Radiological Health (515)281-4942.

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