

## **.29 Equipment and Supplies for Bedside Care.**

A. Needs of Patients. There shall be sufficient equipment to meet the needs of the type patients admitted. It shall be the responsibility of the administrator to obtain specific items required for individual cases where requested by the attending physician or supervisor of care services. The Department may require specific types of equipment based on the needs of the patients. All facilities shall establish and enforce a written preventive maintenance program to ensure that all essential mechanical, electrical, and patient care equipment is maintained in safe operating condition.

B. Use of Hot Water Bottles and Ice Caps. Covers shall be placed on hot water bottles and ice caps before they are placed in a bed or on a patient. The water temperatures in hot water bottles may not exceed 120°F. Heating pads may not be used instead of hot water bottles.