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Re: Reportable Events

Dear Mr. Shah:

Your letter of June 8, 2016 to Commissioner Cathleen D. Bennet has been forwarded to me for response. In your letter, you raise concerns about information that was provided during the May 19, 2016 webinar regarding reportable events. Program staff clarified the information in the second webinar of the series and explained the following: while reporting routine, planned events such as shutting down elevators for service, or power in order to test generator, is **not** required, the Department recommends that the facility informs the Office of Survey and Field Operations. Therefore, should we receive a complaint from a patient or family member, we could reassure the complainant that we are aware, and that it is not an event that will continue. Furthermore, a surveyor would not then contact the facility to investigate the complaint.

I hope that this addresses your concerns. Please contact me at 609-633-8980, if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stefanie Mozgai', written over a faint blue circular stamp.

Stefanie Mozgai, BA, RN, CPM
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