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To the Part I Committee

Subject No. 3043 Chair: T. Olechna Date: November 24, 2003

Title: Hospital Grade Receptacles in Bathrooms and Washrooms, Appendix B Note to Rule 24-106(6)

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Proposal: Add a new reference to Subrule 24-106(6) in Appendix B to read as follows:

24-106(6) *It is not intended by this Subrule to mandate installation of hospital grade receptacles in bathrooms or washrooms contained within a patient care area. Extent of a patient care area is outlined in the CSA Standard 32-99.*

Reasons for Request: It has been agreed at our last Z32 Committee meeting three weeks ago that a statement would be added to the Standard indicating that hospital grade receptacles are not intended to be installed in bathrooms and washrooms within a patient care area. Therefore, in order to maintain consistency with CSA Standard Z32 and to provide clarification on use of hospital grade receptacles mandated by Subrule 24-106(6) of the CEC, Part I it would be beneficial to add a similar statement to Appendix B Note on Rule 24-106(6).

Thus, I'm proposing the following wording to be added to Appendix B Note on Rule 24-106(6):

Chair's Comments: I agree with the proposal but the exclusion requirements should be in the body of the Code and not only in the appendix B note.

Z32 has the following definition for patient care area

Patient care area - an area intended primarily for the provision of diagnosis, therapy, or care.

Note: *The administrator is responsible for determining whether an area is classified as a patient care area (along with corresponding level, ie, basic, intermediate, critical). However, bathrooms and washrooms in the patient care area need not be considered within the "patient care area. See also Clause 4.2.5.1.*

My recommendation is that rule 24-106(6) should be edited as follows and the note for Appendix B should also be included

(6) Except for bathroom and washrooms, all 15 A and 20 A non-locking receptacles shall be hospital grade.

Appendix B note

24-106(6) *It is not intended by this Subrule to mandate installation of hospital grade receptacles in bathrooms or washrooms contained within a patient care area. Extent of a patient care area is outlined in the CSA Standard 32-99.*

Subcommittee Deliberation

Chair's Comments: Of the 9 respondents all agreed with the chair's proposal, Two respondents had comments.

One comment was made to the following:

"Agree with proposal but reason is somewhat incorrect. Receptacles are not intended to be required. That's different than not required to be installed. They can do it if they want."

This corrects the reason for request, but the changes actually reflect the updated reason. Thank you Mr. Chair of the Z32 for bringing this up.

One comment referred to the fact that Rule 24-106(3) have requirements for bathrooms and washrooms, therefore it would be clearer to refer to that Subrule.

Subcommittee Recommendation:

This minor change does not change the intent of the proposal and therefore with that editorial the proposal would look like the following :

(6) Except for receptacles described in subrule (3), all 15 A and 20 A non-locking receptacles shall be hospital grade.

Appendix B note

24-106(6) *It is not intended by this Subrule to mandate installation of hospital grade receptacles in bathrooms or washrooms contained within a patient care area. Extent of a patient care area is outlined in the CSA Standard 32-99.*

For info Subrule **24-106(3)** states the following:

Receptacles located in bathrooms or washrooms within a patient care area shall be:

- (a) Located adjacent to the wash basin; and
- (b) Located outside of any bathtub enclosure or shower stall; and
- (c) Protected by a ground fault circuit interrupter of the Class A type.