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To: All Wisconsin Nursing Homes

From: Larry Tainter, Director  
Bureau of Quality Compliance

Subject: Possible Cross-Connections for Toilet Tank  
Reference HSS 132.83(7)(c)

It has come to our attention that some inlet toilet tank water valve assemblies, many of which are replacements of original equipment, do not comply with the state plumbing code because the nature of their construction could cause a back-siphonage of contaminated water into the potable water supply.

The enclosed drawing, originally sent to local health departments, shows an acceptable toilet water valve assembly which must stand at least one inch above the overflow tube. Any assembly which allows the water level to go above the inlet water valve assembly represents a cross-connection and the unit must be replaced.

Any licensed plumber should be able to determine if the inlet valve assemblies in your facility need to be replaced and which units are acceptable as replacements. Questions may also be answered by calling the Plumbing Section of the Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations at (608) 266-3815, or contact Gene Anderson, Sanitarian Consultant, Bureau of Quality Compliance, at (608) 266-7881.

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cc: Field Operations Managers  
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Enclosure