

Generator Policy Statement

1. Providing a generator is not a regular practice of the Program. Providing a generator will be considered when life sustaining electrically powered equipment is required. An example of this type of equipment would be a respirator.
2. The Program will provide battery back up systems and/or an “E-cylinder” as appropriate for essential equipment such as a nebulizer, oxygen concentrator, feeding pump and suction machine. These backups are meant to allow continued services in day-to-day situations. It is the responsibility of claimants to maintain this backup equipment so that it will be available when needed.
3. It is highly recommended that claimants notify their local power supplier that they have a disabled family member. Once notified, the power company will provide priority power restoration service. For Dominion Power, the necessary form is available online at http://www.dom.com/customer/vares_medical.jsp, or call them.
4. It is recommended that claimant families make inquiries with local authorities and medical facilities regarding their ability to provide emergency or disaster assistance prior to such a situation occurring.
5. The costs of purchasing a generator, staying in a motel or other related expenses incurred during a declared federal emergency may be reimbursable by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Additional information is available from FEMA at www.fema.gov or by calling them at 800-621-3362.
6. Emergency experts including the American Red Cross highly recommend that every family have an Emergency Evacuation Plan and a Disaster Relief Supplies Kit. Information on developing these is available from your local Red Cross.