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TO: ALL IDAHO: HOSPITALS
AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTERS
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FROM: DEBBY RANSOM, R.N., R.H.I.T., Chief
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SUBJECT: CMS SURVEY QUALITY AND STANDARDS BRANCH STATE LETTER #673

In August, 2001, Informational Letter #2001-06 entitled, "Fire Sprinkler Head Recall" was mailed to you to inform you of the voluntary recall of fire sprinkler heads manufactured by Central Sprinkler Company.

Enclosed is a copy of a CMS, Survey Quality and Standards Branch, State Letter #673. It provides instructions on steps to be taken by each State Survey Agency in notifying all providers, setting forth a time frame as to when identification/replacement must be completed. It also provided the survey procedures where recalled heads are found during a fire/life safety survey conducted after January, 2003.

Should you have any questions regarding the information in the CMS Letter or Informational Letter #2001-06 issued by this office on July 30, 2001, please contact Roger W. Gehrke, Supervisor, Facility Fire Safety & Construction Section at 208/334-6626.

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Enclosure
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