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## TECHNICAL BULLETIN

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**Topic:** Microwaves and coffee pots in any rooming unit and dormitory unit

This document is to clarify *Property Maintenance Code of New York State* (PMCNYS) section 403.3, entitled cooking facilities, which states:

*Cooking shall not be permitted in any rooming unit or dormitory unit, and a cooking facility or appliance shall not be permitted to be present in a rooming unit or dormitory unit.*

The question is whether microwave ovens and coffee pots are cooking facilities or appliances. They are commonly found in hotel rooms and dormitory rooms or suites. It is our opinion that they are appliances used to warm food and, therefore, are not cooking facilities or appliances.

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