

HEALTH CARE ALERT

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CMS Adopts 2012 Edition of *NFPA 101*[®], *Life Safety Code*[®]

The Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) has formally adopted provisions of the 2012 Edition of *NFPA 101, Life Safety Code*. The effective date is July 5, 2016. CMS modifications to the 2012 Edition of *NFPA 101* include:

- An ASC with 1 or more patients must comply with ambulatory health care occupancy requirements.
- Corridor projections in newly constructed or altered facilities must meet the more stringent ADA requirements of 4 inches for protruding objects.
- Roller latches are NOT permitted on corridor doors, even if the door remains closed if a force of 5 lbs. is applied at the latch edge.
- High-rise buildings will have 12 years following publication of the final rule to install sprinklers throughout the building. The required timeframe may be less in some states due to state adoption of more recent editions of *NFPA 101*, such as Maryland.
- All health care occupancy patient sleeping rooms must have an outside window or door, with some exceptions.

Go to <http://webinars.koffel.com/> to register upcoming ASHE webinars for the Life Safety Webinar Series, which discuss the changes and requirements of the 2012 Edition of *NFPA 101*.

- May 18, 2016 webinar - Reference Standards in the 2012 Edition of *NFPA 101* and Their Impact on the Operation of Health Care Facilities
- August 10, 2016 webinar - The Impact *NFPA 101*, Chapter 43 Will Have on Health Care Facilities

Please reach out to us if you have any immediate concerns (or celebrations!) as a result of the CMS adoption of the 2012 Edition of *NFPA 101*.



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