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Hospitals Have Until November to Prepare for New CMS Rule

The Joint Commission (TJC) and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will begin surveying health care facilities on the new CMS Conditions of Participation (CoPs) on **November 7, 2016**. Beginning November 7, facilities will need to comply with the new CoPs, which adopt the 2012 editions of NFPA 101: *The Life Safety Code*® (LSC) and NFPA 99.

When CMS issued the federal rule in May, the effective date of the new CoPs was July 5, 2016. Surveys conducted between July 5 and November 7 will be based on the 2000 LSC. Where deficiencies are cited under the 2000 LSC, but would be compliant under the 2012 LSC, an acceptable plan of correction is to verify compliance with the 2012 LSC.

Please reach out to us if you have questions regarding the requirements of the 2012 LSC.