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Health Standards Section

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TO: Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASC), Hospice, Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), Hospitals, Long Term Care Facilities, Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICFs/IID), and Critical Access Hospitals (CAH) Providers

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SUBJECT: CMS adoption of the 2012 edition of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 101 - Life Safety Code (LSC) and 2012 edition of the NFPA 99 - Health Care Facilities Code (HCFC)

On May 4, 2016, CMS adopted the 2012 LSC and the 2012 HCFC by final rule. The final rule was published in the Federal Register (Vol. 81, No. 86), is entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Fire Safety Requirements for Certain Health Care Facilities". The final rule effective date is July 5, 2016. The final rule also adopted 2012 LSC Tentative Interim Amendments (TIA) 12-1, 12-2, 12-3, and 12-4, and 2012 HCFC TIA 12-2, 12-3, 12-4, 12-5 and 12-6.

The final rule eliminates all references to the previously adopted 2000 edition of the LSC, and requires providers and suppliers to comply with the 2012 LSC with certain modifications by the effective date of July 5, 2016. The 2012 HCFC excludes chapters 7, 8, 12, and 13

Buildings constructed before July 5, 2016 can meet Existing Occupancy requirements. In addition, buildings that receive design approval or building permits for construction before July 5, 2016 can meet Existing Occupancy requirements. All other building construction must meet New Occupancy requirements.

The final rule includes requirements for Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASC), Hospice, Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), Hospitals, Long Term Care Facilities, Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICFs/IID), and Critical Access Hospitals (CAH).

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The final rules will continue to allow CMS to waive, for periods deemed appropriate, specific provisions of the Life Safety Code, which would result in an unreasonable hardship upon a facility, providing the waiver will not adversely affect the health and safety of the patients.

The Health Standards Section will begin surveying facilities for compliance with the 2012 edition of the LSC and HCFC on November 1, 2016. The current process, deficiency tags, and forms will continue to be used until November 1, 2016. In instances where the survey process identified deficiencies that would be compliant under the 2012 LSC, a facility may verify compliance with the 2012 LSC as an acceptable plan of correction and the deficiency will not be cited.

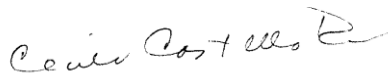
Please contact Cullen Brewer at 225-342-3329 with questions regarding implementation.

To view the Final Rule, 05042016 Fire Safety Requirements Final Rule, please visit one of the following links:

<http://dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/subhome/32>

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2016/05/04/2016-10043/medicare-and-medicaid-programs-fire-safety-requirements-for-certain-health-care-facilities>

Thank you,



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