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## Health Facilities Licensed by the CDHE and Building Departments Codes are Affected by NEW Rules Adopted August 26, 2013 (page 1)

Department of Public Safety Issued NEW regulations concerning 8 CCR 1507 (31) for building, fire, and life safety code enforcement and certification of inspectors for health facilities licensed by the State of Colorado.

Enforcement responsibility of Life Safety Code requirements was formerly within the Department of Public Health and Environment, Division of Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services. The technical requirements of these rules are supported primarily by codes developed by the International Code Council and the National Fire Protection Association.

### **Building Codes adopted by these regulations:**

- International Building Code - 2012 Edition, Second Printing: June 2011 (Copyright 2011 by International Code Council, Inc.).
- International Mechanical Code - 2012 Edition, First Printing: April 2011 (Copyright 2011 by International Code Council, Inc.).
- International Energy Conservation Code - 2012 Edition, First Printing: May 2011 (Copyright 2011 by International Code Council, Inc.).
- International Existing Building Code- 2012 Edition, First Printing: April 2011 (Copyright 2011 by International Code Council, Inc.).

- International Residential Code – 2012 Edition, First Printing: May 2011 (Copyright 2011 by International Code Council, Inc.).
- All electrical work must be conducted, inspected, and approved in accordance with the provisions of the State of Colorado’s Electrical Board’s rules and regulations.
- All plumbing work must be conducted, inspected, and approved in accordance with the provisions of the State of Colorado’s Examining Board of Plumber’s rules and regulations.

### **Fire Codes adopted by these regulations**

- International Fire Code - 2012 Edition, First Printing: May 2011 (Copyright 2011 by International Code Council, Inc.), including Appendices B through I.
- International Wildland-Urban Interface Code – 2012 Edition, First Printing: April 2011 (Copyright 2011 by International Code Council, Inc.).

### **3.2.3 Life Safety Codes adopted by these regulations:**

- NFPA 101A Guide on Alternative Approaches to Life Safety – 2013 Edition, First Printing: June 2013 (Copyright 2013 by National Fire Protection Association).

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- NFPA 101 Life Safety Code – 2012 Edition, First Printing: September 2011 (Copyright 2011 by National Fire Protection Association).
- NFPA 99 Health Care Facilities Code – 2012 Edition, Fourth Printing: April 2013 (Copyright 2011 by National Fire Protection Association).
- Facilities Guidelines Institute, Inc. - 2010 Guidelines for Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities including errata and addendums adopted by the FGI as of July 1st, 2013 (Copyright 2010 by Facilities Guidelines Institute, Inc. - Chicago, Illinois). (see Section 3.3 for applicability).

### **What This Means to Counties**

Certificates of Occupancy and Certificates of Compliance issued after July 1, 2013 by the Division for space not currently licensed by CDPHE will be based on compliance with the requirements for new construction within the applicable codes.

Provisions apply commencing with applications for life and safety permits required starting on January 1, 2014. This applies to new building permits and certain renovation projects defined under the regulations.

Additional required permitting procedures, qualifications for Inspectors, compliance details, and fees required are available at [https://www.hfemsd4.dphe.state.co.us/hfportal/download/final\\_rules.pdf](https://www.hfemsd4.dphe.state.co.us/hfportal/download/final_rules.pdf)

All questions or requests for interpretation of these rules should be submitted in writing to the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control, Health Facilities Section Chief.