



Center for Clinical Standards and Quality/Survey & Certification Group

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TO: State Survey Agency Directors
State Fire Authorities

FROM: Director
Survey and Certification Group

SUBJECT: Publication of Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) for Fire Safety Requirements – *Informational Only*

Memorandum Summary

Publication of NPRM for Fire Safety Requirements: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published a proposed rule that would amend the current fire safety standards for Medicare- and Medicaid-participating providers and suppliers. This proposed rule would adopt the 2012 edition of the Life Safety Code (LSC), National Fire Protection Association, (NFPA) 101. Comments may be accepted until 5 pm EST June 16, 2014.

On April 16, 2014 CMS published a proposal to revise the edition of the LSC referenced in Requirements, Conditions of Participation and Conditions for Coverage for long term care facilities, hospitals, critical access hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, hospices that provide inpatient services, religious non-medical health care institutions, and programs of all-inclusive care for the elderly facilities. The proposal would eliminate references to all earlier editions of the LSC. CMS also proposes to adopt the 2012 edition of the Health Care Facilities Code, NFPA 99, with some exceptions.

The proposed rule may be viewed at: <https://federalregister.gov/a/2014-08602> , which provides details on how to submit comments. Public comments are due no later than June 16, 2014.

Effective Date: Proposed. Comments may be accepted until 5 pm EST June 16, 2014.

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