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Governor

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State Health Commissioner

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Dear hospital providers,

Due to conditions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, formal rules were not adopted to update the constructure standards for hospitals and ambulatory outpatient surgical centers. Adhering to the legislative intent of the Indiana General Assembly to apply more current standards, the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) will be adhering to the following versions of these standards which were, in part, initially passed into law in [Senate Enrolled Act 575](#) and [House Enrolled Act 1542](#) (2019).

Notwithstanding 410 IAC 15-1.7-1 and 410 IAC 15-2.7-1, the following apply to a publication that is referred to in 410 IAC 15:

- (1) The Guidelines for Construction and Equipment of Hospital and Medical Facilities refers to the following:
  - (A) The 2018 edition or most recent publication of the Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospitals.
  - (B) The 2018 edition or most recent publication of the Guidelines for Design and Construction of Outpatient Facilities.
- (2) The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 101, Life Safety Code publication refers to the 2012 edition as adopted by CMS.
- (3) The National Fire Protection Association 99, Health Care Facilities Code publication refers to the 2012 edition as adopted by CMS, excluding chapters 7, 8, 12, and 13.

The NFPA standards will remain with the 2012 edition to ensure [compliance](#) with current [requirements](#) under the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

IDOH will seek to update 410 IAC 15-1.7-1 and 410 IAC 15-2.7-1 to reflect the above changes.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amy Kent'.

Amy Kent  
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