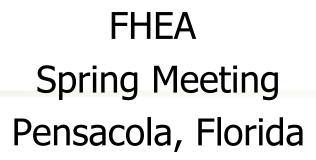
#### Health Care Codes and Standards Updates



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#### Building Code Edition currently in use:

- FBC 2007 Edition with 2009 Supplements (Parts I and II)
- NFPA 70 (NEC) 2008 edition: has been effective since October 1, 2009
- Can access FBC at: www.floridabuilding.org

- Florida Building Code 2010 edition to be adopted <u>December 2011</u>:
  - Core Code is the 2009 IBCC
  - FBC Code 2010 Edition (IBCC modified)
  - Modifications were opened in March 2010
  - Comments on those modifications are open through May 2010
- Can view and make comments at: www.floridabuilding.org

#### 2010 FBC Modifications:

- References all of the 2010 edition of the Guidelines for the Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities for Hospitals and ASCs
- References Part 1 (General) and Part 6 (ASHREA) of the *Guidelines* for Nursing Homes
- Complete revision of Nursing Home Criteria
- Modifications to Hospitals and ASCs
- Modifications to the hurricane standards for Hospitals and Nursing Homes

- Modifications:
  - Mod 4172: Revises 419.1 to clarify that Hospitals are not subject to the FBC Existing Buildings
  - Mod 4174: Revises 419.2 to include reference to 2010 *Guidelines* and delete SMANCA reference.
  - Mod 4182: Revises 419.3 to include mobile units and outpatient facilities
  - Mod 4186: Revises various parts of 419.3; changes ICU toilets to rooms, (*Guidelines* requirement), deletes Florida NICU requirements, deletes some Mobile unit and HVAC requirements

- Modifications:
  - Mod 4440: Revises single room fan shut down on fire alarm activation
  - Mod 4424: Clarifies that electrical panels may be located in closets open to the corridor
  - Mod 4287 Revises receptacle requirements to coordinate with Guidelines
  - Mod 4289 Revises nurse call requirements to coordinate with Guidelines
  - Mod 4292 Revises 419.4 Revises site standards to make clear the intention of hurricane requirements

- Modifications:
  - Mod 4358: Revises 419.4.2.5 Exterior unit standards to make it clear these must be installed in accordance with the NOA...no exceptions
  - Mod 4277: Revises 419.4.2.6.1 to include HVAC units that are replaced so they must meet hurricane protection standards
  - Mod 4427: Requires that lighting necessary for patient care must be connected to essential electrical system
  - Mod 4375: Various Revisions to 421

## NFPA 101 Life Safety Code

- March 1, 2009: 2006 Edition of NFPA 101 Life Safety Code adopted by State Fire Marshall
  - Rule 69A-3.012 F.A.C. are the state fire codes to be used for all projects that have not received a Stage II Preliminary Plan approval prior to March 1, 2009.
  - NFPA 72-2002 edition, National Fire Alarm Code
  - NFPA 99-2005 edition, Health Care Facilities
  - NFPA 110-2005 edition, Standard for Emergency and Standby Power Systems
  - NFPA 90A-2002 edition, Standard for the Installation of Air Conditioning and Ventilating Systems
- For a full listing:

http://www.ahca.myflorida.com/MCHQ/Plans/

### NFPA 101 Life Safety Code Future Editions Adopted

- State Fire Marshal will adopt 2009 edition of NFPA 101 at time of FBC adoption...December 2011
- CMS is planning to adopt the 2012 edition of NFPA 101 after it is published...sometime into the future
- NFPA 101, 2012 *Report on Proposals* will be published June 25, 2010
- *Report on Comments* closes September 2010.
- Final version of 2012 NFPA 101 will be adopted in June 2011 at the annual meeting.
- (Note: Florida will already be at least three years behind new code when it adopts 2009 edition)

#### NFPA 101 Life Safety Code

- NFPA 105, 2007 edition: Standard for the Installation of Smoke Door Assemblies and Other Opening Protectives
  - 6.5.2 Each damper shall be tested and inspected one year after installation. The test and inspection frequency shall then be every 4 years, except in hospitals, where the frequency shall be every 6 years.
  - 6.5.5 The damper shall be actuated and cycled as part of the associated smoke detector testing in accordance with NFPA72, National Fire Alarm Code. Where a fusible link is installed on a combination fire/smoke damper, the fusible link shall be removed for testing the damper for full closure simulating a fire condition per the requirements and frequencies of 19.5.4 of NFPA 80, Standard for Fire Doors and Other Opening Protectives.
- Although the state has not yet adopted the 2007 edition, AHCA will accept the every 6 year frequency since JCAHO is also accepting

## NFPA 101 Life Safety Code

- The 2010 edition of NFPA 99 Health Care Facilities Code was returned to Committee.
  - The document will be presented to the Association's voting membership at the 2011 NFPA meeting in Boston.
  - There was intense debate regarding the Isolated Power Systems for all operating rooms.
  - Will be voted on at the June meeting
- CMS has now given states options regarding Fire Pins in fire rated doors...Florida will **NOT** cite these doors as a deficiency. CMS should come out with a S&C Letter soon on this subject.

### ASHRAE Standard 170

- ASHRAE Standard 17: Ventilation of Health Care Facilities
  - Document is under continuous maintenance
  - Proposed revisions to the document are being submitted on a regular basis
  - Humidity in certain short term stay areas is being reduced to 20% from 30%. See ASHE updates
  - Displacement Ventilation proposal is being prepared for public comment

#### **Emergency Preparedness**

- Time to Update and Revise all emergency evacuation plans... Verify, Revise, and Practice
- Adding quick connects to your facility requires review
- Conduct roofing inspection especially flashing
- Secure exterior units to roof
- Protect all openings as required
- Update and revise contingency plans for water and power

#### **Emergency Preparedness**

- Emergency Evacuation Education and Drills as required by NFPA 99, 1999 edition Chapter 11-5.3.8 and 11-5.3.9.
- Requires every staff member to be trained in the emergency evacuation of the facility on hiring and annually thereafter.
- Requires a emergency evacuation drill semi-annually to practice the emergency evacuation plan.
- There is no requirement that every staff person must participate in these drills. Also no requirement that drills are held on every shift as required for fire drills.

#### AHCA Fire Safety Changes

- Office of Plans and Construction no longer conducts annual Fire Safety Surveys
- Local Field Offices conduct annual ALL fire safety surveys for both certification and licensure
- Plans and Construction will continue to review all renovation and new construction projects

## **Coming Attractions**

 AHCA Annual Seminar and FHEA Trade Show Lives On!

Dates for 2010: September 20-21, Peabody Hotel, Orlando Dates for 2011 September 26-27, Shingle Creek Hotel, Orlando

#### **THANKS For The Memories!!!**

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