



**Center for Clinical Standards and Quality/Survey & Certification Group**

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**TO:** State Survey Agency Directors

**FROM:** Director  
Survey and Certification Group

**SUBJECT:** Notification of Final Rule Published: Adoption of 2012 Life Safety and Health Care Facilities Code

**Memorandum Summary**

- **Fire Safety Requirements for Certain Health Care Facilities:** On May 4, 2016, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published a final rule titled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Fire Safety Requirements for Certain Health Care Facilities,” which updates the fire safety requirements for health care providers and suppliers. This regulation requires certain providers and suppliers to meet the requirements of the 2012 edition of the Life Safety Code (LSC), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 101 and the 2012 edition of the Health Care Facilities Code, NFPA 99.

The Fire Safety Final Rule outlines the requirements for certain Medicare and Medicaid certified providers and suppliers to meet certain fire safety requirements. The final rule includes the adoption of the 2012 edition of the LSC, NFPA 101 and additionally the adoption of the 2012 edition of the Health Care Facilities Code, NFPA 99. The regulation does away with the use of the 2000 edition of the LSC and associated reference documents. CMS also established certain exceptions to the adoption of the 2012 Life Safety and Health Care Facilities Codes which are described in the regulation.

The Final Rule can be located at <https://federalregister.gov/articles/2016/05/04/2016-10043/medicare-and-medicaid-programs-fire-safety-requirements-for-certain-health-care-facilities>

CMS will be updating its surveyor training materials, guidance and forms to reflect these changes. Additional information about these updates will be forthcoming.

**Training:** CMS is currently developing online training that will be accessible ahead of the implementation date. We will send out a subsequent series of Admin Info Memos regarding training details.

**Contact:** For questions regarding the Fire Safety Rule, please contact [SCG\\_LifeSafetyCode@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:SCG_LifeSafetyCode@cms.hhs.gov).

**Effective Date:** Immediately. The information provided in this memorandum should be communicated with all survey and certification staff, their managers and the State/Regional Office training coordinators within 30 days of this memorandum.

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