

Center for Medicaid and State Operations/Survey and Certification Group

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TO: State Survey Agency Directors

FROM: Director
Survey and Certification Group

SUBJECT: Life Safety Code (LSC) Surveyor Reference Materials

Letter Summary

- This letter informs Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Regional Offices (ROs) and State Survey Agencies (SAs) that CMS is distributing updated LSC reference material for use by LSC surveyors.
- Distribution to appropriate parties at the SA will be coordinated by each RO.

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you that CMS will be providing an updated set of LSC reference materials to CMS ROs and SAs that perform fire safety surveys for each state. Distribution to appropriate parties at the SA will be coordinated by each RO.

In our recent discussions with the various ROs and SAs, we became aware that there was a lack of current LSC reference material for surveyors to use when conducting LSC surveys. To correct this situation, CMS purchased a set of basic LSC reference materials for the RO and SA. The materials will be distributed by the RO to the appropriate SA. These materials consist of the National Fire Protection Agency's (NFPA) Life Safety Code and a number of additional reference materials related to commonly found life safety deficiencies and include:

- NFPA 10 Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers
- NFPA 13 Standard for Installation of Sprinkler Systems
- NFPA 13D Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in 1 & 2 Family Dwellings
- NFPA 13R Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in Residential Occupancies

- NFPA 25 Standard for the Inspection, Testing & Maintenance of Water Based Extinguishing Systems
- NFPA 30 Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code
- NFPA 37 Standard for Combustion Engines and Gas Turbines
- NFPA 70 National Electrical Code
- NFPA 72 National Fire Alarm Code
- NFPA 80 Standard for Fire Doors and Fire Windows
- NFPA 82 Standard on Incinerators
- NFPA 90A Standard for the Installation of Air Conditioning and Ventilating Systems
- NFPA 90B Standard for the Installation of Warm Air Heating
- NFPA 96 Standard for Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations
- NFPA 99 Standard for Health Care Facilities
- NFPA 101 Life Safety Code
- NFPA 101A Guide on Alternative Approaches on Life Safety
- NFPA 110 Standard on Emergency and Standby Power Systems
- NFPA 220 Standard on Types of Building Construction
- NFPA 221 Standard for Fire Walls and Fire Barrier Walls
- NFPA 13 Automatic Sprinkler Handbook (Regional Office only)
- NFPA 72 National Fire Alarm Handbook (Regional Office only)
- NFPA 99 Health Care Facilities Handbook (Regional Office only)
- NFPA 101 Life Safety Code Handbook (Regional Office only)

The editions of these reference documents correspond to the references found in the 2000 edition of NFPA 101 Life Safety Code. The materials will be shipped to each RO. The RO is to arrange distribution to the appropriate party at each SA. Questions regarding the distribution of these materials can be referred to Sherry Clark at 410-786-8476 or James Merrill at 410-786-6998.

Effective Date: Immediately.

Training: The information contained in this announcement should be shared with all survey and certification staff, their managers, the state/RO training coordinator, and all State Fire Authorities and staff.

/s/

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