

**UPDATE: 7/26/12**

At the June SFSB Meeting, the board voted to submit a Request for Rulemaking (RFR) to the Office of Regulatory Reform (ORR) with the intent of opening the health care rules and establishing an Ad-Hoc Committee to study the 2012 LSC in its entirety.

At this point, the Bureau will not be granting modification requests relative to the 2012 LSC changes issued by CMS. If the Ad-Hoc Committee recommends the adoption of the 2012 LSC to the SFSB and the board votes to approve this recommendation, the bureau will complete the rule making process. Once the process is complete and the rules are in effect, the 2012 LSC requirements will be accepted.

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**CMS S&C-12-21-LSC, Instructions Concerning Waivers of Specific Requirements of the 2012 Edition of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 101, the Life Safety Code (LSC), in Health Care Facilities**

Changes in Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements involving the Waiver of some 2012 NFPA LSC requirements have recently been released.

Keep in mind that these requirements are a **violation of the 2009 State Licensure Health Care Facilities Fire Safety Rules.**

At present, the CMS 2012 LSC Waiver information has been provided to the State Fire Safety Board, the legal authority for the promulgation of rules. They will be meeting in June 2012, to discuss these changes and to decide whether to open the State Health Care Fire Safety Rules for revisions.

We will post the results of that meeting in the near future.