Health Care Facilities

Public Act (PA) 207 of 1941, the Fire Prevention Code, and the State Fire Safety Board have adopted the Health Care Facilities Fire Safety Rules. The Rules were promulgated in 2014 and adopt the 2012 Life Safety Code published by the National Fire Protection Association.

Per the Rules, all construction, renovation and/or remodeling projects for new and existing state-regulated health care facilities shall be submitted to the Bureau of Fire Services (BFS) to conduct a plan review. Applicants may submit a completed Application for Fire Safety Plan Examination (BFS-979) along with a set of signed and sealed architectural drawings to the BFS Plan Review Division. Note: Coordination with the Bureau of Community and Health Systems may also be required.

The Rules apply to each of the following facility types listed below:

1. **County Medical Care Facility:** A nursing care facility, other than a hospital long-term care unit, which provides organized nursing care and medical treatment to 7 or more unrelated individuals who are suffering or recovering from illness, injury, or infirmity and which is owned by a county or counties. For the purpose of these Rules, a county medical care facility shall be considered a nursing home.

2. **Freestanding Surgical Outpatient Facility (FSOF):** A facility other than the office of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, or other private practice office as defined by MCL 333.20104 of PA 368 of 1978, the Public Health Code, that offers a surgical procedure and related care which, in the opinion of the attending physician, can be safely performed without requiring overnight inpatient hospital care. The term does not include a surgical outpatient facility owned by, and operated as part of, a hospital.

    a. **FSOF Type I:** A facility that does not use anesthetics or medications which render a person incapable of taking action in an emergency situation within 2 minutes of being notified of an emergency.

    b. **FSOF Type II:** A facility that uses anesthetics or medications which render a person incapable of taking action in an emergency situation within 2 minutes of being notified of an emergency.

3. **Home for the Aged (HFA):** A supervised personal care facility other than a hotel, adult foster care facility, hospital, nursing home or county medical care facility as defined by PA 368 of 1978, MCL 333.20106, that provides room, board and supervised personal care to 21 or more unrelated, non-transient individuals 60 years

of age or older. A HFA facility may also be a supervised personal care facility for 20 or fewer individuals who are 60 years of age or older if the facility is operated in conjunction with and as a distinct part of a licensed nursing home.

4. **Hospice:** A health care program that provides a coordinated set of services rendered at home or in an outpatient or institutional setting for individuals suffering from a disease or condition with a terminal prognosis. A hospice residence is a facility that provides 24-hour hospice care to 2 or more patients at a single location.

5. **Hospital:** A facility that offers inpatient, overnight care and services for observation, diagnosis and active treatment of an individual who has a medical, surgical, obstetric, chronic or rehabilitative condition that requires the daily direction or supervision of a physician, as defined by PA 368 of 1978, MCL 333.20106.

6. **Mobile Healthcare Unit:** A mobile and transportable health care structure such as a trailer or motor home. Mobile and transportable health care structures shall comply with Part 6 of the Rules.

7. **Nursing Home:** A nursing care facility, including a county medical care facility, that provides organized nursing care and medical treatment to 7 or more unrelated individuals who are suffering or recovering from illness, injury or infirmity as defined by PA 368 of 1978, MCL 333.1101 through 333.25211. This facility type does not include a unit in a state correctional facility, a hospital, a hospice residence or veterans' facility created under PA 152 of 1885, the Michigan Veteran's Facility act, MCL 36.1 through 36.12.

8. **Psychiatric Hospital:** A psychiatric hospital as defined by MCL 330.1100b of PA 258 of 1974, the Mental Health Code, is a freestanding establishment that offers coordinated psychiatric services for the observation, diagnosis, active treatment and overnight care of persons who have a mental illness, chronic mental condition or serious emotional disturbance that requires the daily direction or supervision of physicians who are licensed to practice in the state. This facility type is also referred to as a mental hospital. Note: Please check the box for "Hospital" when completing the Application for Fire Safety Plan Examination (BFS-979).