

Title 19—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES
Division 30—Division of Regulation and Licensure
Chapter 20 — Hospitals

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

19 CSR 30-20.030 Construction Standards for New Hospitals

The Department of Health and Senior Services is amending sections (2) and (3).

PURPOSE: This proposed amendment removes the approval process previously provided by the Engineering Consulting Unit of the Department of Health and Senior Services and eliminates notification and plan submission requirements by hospital architects or professional engineers.

(2) Planning and Construction Procedure.

(A) Plans and specifications shall be prepared for the construction of all new hospitals and additions to and modifications or reconstruction of existing hospitals. The plans and specifications shall be prepared by an architect or a professional engineer licensed to practice in Missouri.

[(B) Construction shall be in conformance with plans and specifications approved by the Engineering Consulting Unit of the Department of Health and Senior Services. The Department of Health and Senior Services shall be notified within five (5) days after construction begins. If construction of the project is not started within one (1) year after the date of approval of the plans and specifications, the plans and specifications shall be resubmitted to the Department of Health and Senior Services for its approval and shall be amended, if necessary, to comply with the then current rules before construction work commences.]

(3) Design and Construction Requirements.

(A) New hospitals or portions of hospitals constructed or remodeled after the effective date of this amendment shall be maintained so that the building and its various operating systems comply with the life safety code standards in 42 CFR Part 482 (2017) and 42 CFR Part 485 (2017), which are incorporated by reference in this rule. The Code of Federal Regulations is published by the U.S. Government and is available by calling toll-free (866) 512-1800 or going to <http://bookstore.gpo.gov/>. The address is: U.S. Government Publishing Office, U.S. Superintendent of Documents, Washington, DC 20402-0001. This rule incorporates later amendments and additions to 42 CFR Part 482 (2017) and 42 CFR Part 485 (2017). This rule does not incorporate the following chapters of National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 99, 2012 edition: chapter 7 – Information Technology and Communications Systems for Health Care Facilities; chapter 8 – Plumbing; chapter 12 – Emergency Management; and chapter 13 – Security Management. Existing hospital facilities constructed prior to the effective date of this amendment shall maintain and operate the building in compliance with the design and safety regulations in effect at the time of their construction.

(B) New hospitals or portions of hospitals constructed or remodeled after the effective date of this amendment must be constructed so that the building and its various operating systems comply with the standards contained in The Facility Guidelines Institute (FGI) Guidelines for the Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities (2010 edition) or the FGI Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospitals and Outpatient Facilities (2014 edition), which are incorporated by reference in this rule and are published by the FGI at 350 N. Saint Paul Street, Ste. 100, Dallas TX 75201, or so that the building and its various operating systems comply with other standards and guidelines that provide equivalent design criteria. *[Prior to the department granting approval of the construction plans and specifications required in this rule, the architect or professional engineer*

submitting the plans shall identify the equivalent design criteria used.] This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions. This rule does not incorporate the following chapter of FGI, 2010 edition: 1.2-8 – Commissioning. This rule does not incorporate the following chapter of FGI, 2014 edition: 1.2-7 – Commissioning. Existing hospital facilities constructed prior to the effective date of this amendment shall maintain and operate the building in compliance with the design and construction regulations in effect at the time of their construction.

*AUTHORITY: sections 192.006 and 197.065, RSMo 2016, and sections 197.080 and 197.100, RSMo Supp. 2019. This rule was previously filed as 13 CSR 50-20.031 and 19 CSR 10-20.031. Original rule filed June 2, 1982, effective Nov. 11, 1982. Amended: Filed June 14, 1988, effective Oct. 13, 1988. Rescinded and readopted: Filed March 20, 2019, effective Nov. 30, 2019. **Amended: Filed July 23, 2026,***

PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed rule with Mindy Laughlin at Mindy.Laughlin@health.mo.gov or Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, P.O. Box 570, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101-0570. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the Missouri Register. No public hearing is scheduled.