

## CMS adopts the 2012 edition of the Life Safety Code

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To: Mr. Robert N Roop, PE,

As chapter Advocacy Liaison I would like to congratulate and thank you for your support in advocating for the adoption of the 2012 edition of the Life Safety Code. After several long years the wait is now over! Starting July 5<sup>th</sup>, CMS will be using the 2012 edition of the code. The best news is that with you and your chapters support, CMS heard our concerns with their proposed rule. I would say that the final rule looks pretty good considering where it started. The changes that CMS made wouldn't have happened without the comments submitted by your members.

Some notes of the new rule include:

- Hospital providers can use the appropriate occupancy types for the situation per the Life Safety Code
- CMS didn't go with the 4 hour fire suppression out of service rule
- The window sill requirements will only apply to NEW construction
- Smoke evacuation will not be required in operating rooms
- Roller latches will be permitted in some situations

Additionally, the adoption of the 2012 edition virtually eliminates the need for all of the categorical waivers and I believe we can now use maintenance free batteries on our Gensets (perhaps a small issue but that one sure feels good to have behind us)

In preparation for the adoption we have provided, and will continue to develop several resources. Please take a few moments to review the content provided on our [Life Safety Code adoption website](#). We have several articles that will detail each of the requirements, the final CMS rule, a webinar series, on demand webinar recordings and previous conference sessions that will help you comply with the new regulations. Bookmark this page as it will be continuously update over the next several months.

I know everyone has a lot of questions, so we are collecting questions about the adoption and I encourage you to share this link with your members: [SUBMIT A QUESTION ABOUT THE NEW REGULATIONS](#) We will be answering the questions we can and creating a Frequently Asked Questions section on the website.

Again, thank you for all you have done to support this mission,



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