

OCCUPANCY DETERMINATION

Decision path to determine whether an occupancy is a health care occupancy, an ambulatory health care facility or an occupancy other than health care.

Question 1. In this portion of the building, are health care services and sleeping accommodations provided for four or more occupants who are mostly incapable of self-preservation because of age, physical or mental disability, or because of security measures not under the occupants' control?

If YES: Consider this portion of the building to be a health care occupancy.

If NO: Go to Question 2.

Question 2. On a routine basis, are there four or more patients (inpatients, outpatients, or a mixture of both) in this portion of the building at the same time who are incapable of taking action for self-preservation under emergency conditions without assistance from others? (Include all incapable inpatients. Include only outpatients who are rendered incapable due to the treatment they received in this portion of the building. Also note that being confined to a wheel chair does not in itself make a person incapable of taking action for self-preservation.)

If YES: Go to Question 3.

If NO: Go to Question 7.

Question 3. Is this portion of the building contiguous to a health care occupancy?

If YES: Go to Question 4.

If NO: Consider this portion of the building to be an ambulatory health care facility.

Question 4. Is this portion of the building intended primarily for outpatient or non-patient use?

If YES: Go to Question 5.

If NO: Evaluate this portion of the building as a health care occupancy since it is not primarily intended for outpatient and non-patient use.

Question 5. Is this portion of the building separated from the health care portions of the building by at least 2-hour fire resistance rated construction?

If YES: Go to Question 6.

If NO: Evaluate this portion of the building as a health care occupancy since it is not properly separated from the health care occupancy.

Question 6. On a routine basis, are there four or more inpatients in this portion of the building at the same time who are incapable of taking action for self-preservation under emergency conditions without assistance from others?

If YES: Evaluate this portion of the building as a health care occupancy.

If NO: This portion of the building may be evaluated as an ambulatory health care facility.

Question 7. Is this portion of the building contiguous to a health care occupancy?

If YES: Go to Question 8.

If NO: This portion of the building may be evaluated as an occupancy other than health care.

Question 8. Is this portion of the building separated from the health care portions of the building by at least 2-hour fire resistance rated construction?

If YES: Go to Question 9.

If NO: Evaluate this portion of the building as a health care occupancy since it is not properly separated from the health care occupancy.

Question 9. Is this portion of the building separated from the ambulatory health care portions of the building by at least 1-hour fire resistance rated construction?

If YES: This portion of the building may be evaluated as an occupancy other than health care.

If NO: Evaluate this portion of the building as an ambulatory health care facility since it is not properly separated from the ambulatory health care occupancy.