HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

Rule Development kick-off meeting
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RULE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

- Purpose
- Background
- Rule Development Process
- Logistics
- Questions
Purpose

Modify the hospital licensing rules

Open chapter 246-320 WAC

Construction standards only

Section 500-600

Consider the 2018 FGI Guidelines

New edition

National standard

Current WAC references 2014 edition
Background

Until 2008, DOH wrote its own hospital construction standard.
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WEBINAR: Major Updates to the 2018 FGI

September 5th, 2018

Washington State Department of Health
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FGI Guidelines use in the US

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| Guidelines | 39 |
| Equivalency  | 4  |
| Write their own | 7  |
Rule Development process

1. Rule Inquiry
2. Rule Proposal
3. Rule Adoption

Public Input Phase
Submit Proposals

Any interested part may submit a written proposal to modify the draft.

Deadline for proposals is September 21, 2018.
Proposal Form

Complete all sections

- Contact info
- Proposal
- Substantiation
- Cost impacts
Public Workshop #1

- October 1, 2018
- Proposals create the agenda
- Provide feedback (verbal or written)
- Advisory opinion

Report on Proposals
1st Draft Published Late August

Submit Proposals September 21

Public Workshop Meeting 1 October 1

Report on Proposals Mid October

Submit Comments Mid November

Public Workshop Meeting 2 December 5

Report on Comments Late December

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Any interested party may submit a written comment on a previous proposal.

Ideally, we focus on previous comments.

Can submit new information.
Public Workshop #2

- December 5, 2018
- Comments create the agenda
- Provide feedback (verbal or written)
- Advisory opinion

Report on Comments
1st Draft Published Late August

Submit Proposals September 21

Public Workshop Meeting 1 October 1

Report on Proposals Mid October

Submit Comments Mid November

Public Workshop Meeting 2 December 5

Report on Comments Late December
Three Phases of Rule Development

1. Rule Inquiry
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3. Rule Adoption
Public Workshop #3

- Proposed rule is the agenda
- Provide feedback (verbal or written)
Three Phases of Rule Development

1. Rule Inquiry
2. Rule Proposal
3. Rule Adoption
3 Rule Adoption

- **Review Outcome of Workshop #3**
  - Mid Spring 2019

  - DOH files Final Rule
    - Late Spring 2019

  - 31 Day Waiting Period

  - Rule Effective
    - Summer 2019
Construction Review Website
www.doh.wa.gov/crs

Listserv (GovDelivery)
• Sept 5th webinar
• Updates

Rules Development page
• Rule proposal form
• Rules Comment form
• Contacts
Construction Review Services

Expected Review Time . . . . . . . . . . . . 25 Days

Contact Us | Project status lookup | Notice of Completion | Customer Service Survey

Hospital Construction Standards Rules Project: 2018-2019

Background

Hospital licensing construction standards set minimum requirements for new construction and renovation of licensed hospitals. Healthcare design and construction processes are complex and highly specialized. The design and construction industry constantly evolves to include new materials, technologies and methods. It is in the interest and safety of the public and the healthcare system to have facilities designed to the most current standards.

On August 8, 2018, the Department of Health’s (department) Office of Community Health Systems, Construction Review Services unit officially filed a CR-101 (pre-proposal statement of inquiry) with the Office of the Code Reviser to open chapter 246-320 WAC (construction standards only) for possible modification, WSR #18-17-045. This rulemaking process will consider aligning our state licensing standards with current national construction standards. Potential rules revisions would allow facilities and designers to use new construction methods and technologies.

The Department’s Rule-making Process | Important Dates

Communications

To receive updates via email about draft and proposed rules changes and other important messages from Construction Review Services (CRS), join the Construction Review Gov Delivery (previously known as the CRS Listserv).

- Please use our Rule Proposal Form (Word) for all comments during the comment stage.

Contacts

- CRS main phone line: 360-236-2044
- John Williams, Construction Review Services Manager
Free access to the 2018 FGI

**Two Options:**

1. **Limited Site license**
   - 6 months
   - Read only
   - Few concurrent users
   - Contact CRS for details

2. **Free site:**  [www.fgireadonly.madcad.com](http://www.fgireadonly.madcad.com)
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Questions?

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