CODE CHANGE	RATIONALE	SUMMARY
BUILDING		
(Mod 1301) 304.2 Sections 423(1) and 423(2) are applicable to <u>community colleges</u> state university systems.	This change will correct an error in the code. Section 423, FBC, applies to community colleges. This section was never applied to the state's university system.	Correct an error in the code. Section 423, FBC, applies to community colleges. Section 423, FBC, has never applied to the state's university system.
(Mod 1488) 419.2 Codes and standards for the design and construction of general, rehabilitative, and psychiatric hospitals, including Intensive Residential Treatment Facilities (IRTF) for children and adolescents,	Without this specific inclusion of the IRTF there has been some confusion by users regarding the building requirements for these types of facilities. This modification will correct this confusion by specifically including the IRTF.	Adds IRTF to facility list
(Mod 1487) 419.2.1 Except as modified and required by this section of the code, Chapter 59A-3 Florida Administrative Code or by Chapter 395, Florida Statutes, all new hospitals, as <u>listed in Section 419.2 of the code</u> , and all additions, alterations or renovations to <u>these</u> existing hospitals and all <del>detached</del> outpatient facilities of <del>a these</del> hospitals, shall also be in compliance with the following codes and standards on the effective date of the code:	This modification is editorial to make the paragraph more understandable to the user. It also corrects an incorrect statement regarding "outpatient" facilities and makes the code in agreement with the statute.	Editorial RE: scope of hospital requirements
(Mod 1498) 419.3 Additional physical plant requirements for general, rehabilitation, and psychiatric hospitals, including Intensive Residential Treatment Facilities (IRTF) for children and adolescents.	Without this specific inclusion of the IRTF there has been some confusion by users regarding the building requirements for these types of facilities. This modification will correct this confusion by specifically including the IRTF.	Includes IRTFs in list of facilities

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(Mod 1489)	This modification is editorial to make the	Editorial RE scope of
<b>419.3.1</b> In addition to the codes and standards	paragraph more understandable to the user.	hospitals
referenced in Section 419.2 of the code, the following		
minimum standards of construction and specified		
minimum essential facilities, shall apply to all new		
hospitals, as listed in Section 419.3 of the code, all		
additions, alterations or renovations to an these existing		
hospitals and to outpatient facilities owned or operated		
by a <u>these hospitals</u> as described in Chapter 395.0163,		
Florida Statues, on the effective date of the code.		
(Mod 1490)	This modification is a rewording of this	Clarifies requirements for
<b>419.3.3.1</b> Toilet facilities are required for each critical	requirement to make it more understandable	ICU toilets.
care bed. When portable or built-in <u>cabinet</u> toilets are	by the user. There is no substantial change	
utilized in lieu of individual toilet rooms, provisions	to the requirement.	
shall be made for user privacy, and the storage, servicing		
and odor control of the these toilet units. In addition to		
these provisions, when a permanently built in toilet is		
installed wall hung toilet fixture may be located inside		
of the critical care room, there shall be when a toilet		
exhaust fan inlet is located directly above the fixture		
and, for patient privacy and general hygiene, a		
permanently installed washable partitions, at least 5 feet		
high (1.52 m) located between the toilet fixture and the		
bed. or walls are located on at least three sides of the		
toilet fixture.		
(Mod 1491)	It clearly has been shown that unless rated	Labels for rated walls
<b>419.3.9.7</b> Where it is not possible to inspect <u>fire/smoke</u>	fire and smoke walls are clearly identified	
partitions because of the fire-tested membrane, fire-rated	maintenance of this walls is impossible.	
access panels shall be installed adjacent to each side of	This modification is intended to assist the	
the smoke partitions at intervals not exceeding 30 feet	Agency, the building manager, the	

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(9.00 m) and in such locations as necessary to view all	maintenance worker and the contractors	
surfaces of the partition. Fire walls, Fire Barriers, Fire	working in the buildings to be able to	
Partitions, Smoke Barriers and Smoke partitions or any	identify and protect these very important	
other wall required to have protected openings shall be	life safety partitions from being damaged.	
effectively and permanently identified with signs or	Once these partitions are damage, smoke	
stenciling. Such identification shall be above any	migration throughout the facility can be	
decorative ceiling and in concealed spaces. Suggested	expected with resulting loss of life. This has	
wording for a fire/smoke partition is as follows: "FIRE	been a code requirement until the 2004	
AND SMOKE BARRIER – PROTECT ALL	FBC. It is a minimal cost effective way to	
<u>OPENINGS."</u>	ensure the lives and safety of the hospital	
	patients.	
(Mod 1492)	This is an editorial change only.	Grammatical correction
419.3.11.1 Air-handling equipment shall be located in		
mechanical equipment rooms unless it serves only one		
room and it is located in that room.		
(Mod 1494)	The deletion of this language is to make the	Revises fan shut down
<b>419.3.12.1</b> During a fire alarm, fan systems and fan	Code more understandable for the user.	requirements
equipment serving more than one room shall be stopped	Because of the relative air pressures that	
or controlled to prevent the movement of smoke by	must be maintained inside the facility to	
mechanical means from the zone in alarm to adjacent	control the spread of infection and because	
smoke zones.	of the problem of testing and maintenance	
	of such smoke control system, the best and	
	most cost effective system that can be	
	installed is a "passive" system where all	
	fans just shut down on fire alarm. The	
	division of these facilities into smoke	
	compartments, the required sprinklering and	
	unique staffing makes the use of a passive	
	smoke control system the best system to use	
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(Mod 1495)	The requirement as it is currently written	Revises location of fire
<b>419.3.14.5</b> The fire pump shall be installed in a readily	becomes almost impossible to achieve in	pump
accessible location. with direct access from the exterior.	multi story buildings when the fire pump is	
When it is located on the grade level floor, there shall be	located above the grade level floor.	
direct access from the exterior.	However, it is important to for fire	
	personnel to have ready and quick access to	
	this piece of equipment. Therefore, when it	
	is located on the grade level floor, it should	
	not be located somewhere in the middle of	
	the building where it will be difficult to	
	access my emergency personnel. This	
	modification retains the original intent of	
	the requirement while accommodating	
	locations other than on the grade level.	
(Mod 1496)	The modification clarifies the code in	Clarifies requirements for
<b>419.3.15.3</b> There shall be documentation for	regards to the requirements for	fault analysis.
equipotential grounding in all patient care areas,	documentation. Fault analysis is already	
building service ground electrode systems, lightning	being required so this modification just	
protection ground terminals and special systems such as	clarifies those requirements in places it in	
fire alarm, nurse call, paging, generator, emergency	the appropriate location of the code.	
power, fault analysis, and breaker coordination.		
(Mod 1499)	Presently, the only way this section on	Revises hurricane
<b>419.4.1.1 "New facility"</b> means a hospital, or an	Disaster Preparedness is triggered for an	requirements
addition of a wing or floor to an existing hospital, which	existing facility is if there is a wing or an	
has not received a Stage II Preliminary Plan approval	addition added to this facility. The facility	
from the Agency for Health Care Administration	could have all of the windows, changed,	
pursuant to this section. Interior renovation,	new roofing material, the generator and all	
refurbishing, modifications or conversions inside of an	of the roof top mounted mechanical	
existing structure licensed as a hospital shall not have to	equipment changed and not have to adhere	
meet the standards contained in this paragraph.	to any of the hurricane standards. This is not	

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	what the original intent of the code	
	requirement was meant to be. It was	
	intended new facilities and renovated	
	facilities would comply with the new	
	standards just as they presently do with any	
	new or current code and standard. Existing	
	facilities would still not have to comply but	
	the renovation that effected the hurricane	
	protection requirements would have to	
	comply with this section.	
(Mod 1507)	This section actually deals with Disaster	Clarifies requirement
419.4.2 New facility Disaster Preparedness	Preparedness construction standards and not	
construction standards.	new facility construction standards. Section	
The following construction standards are in addition to	4.3 is new facility construction standards	
the physical plant requirements described in Sections	and these are additional to those standards	
420.2 through 420.3. These minimum standards are	for new and renovated construction.	
intended to increase the ability of the new facility to be		
structurally capable of serving as a shelter for residents,		
staff and the family of residents and staff and equipped		
to be self-supporting during and immediately following		
a disaster:		
(Mod 1500)	This modification is to make this section	Clarifies Requirements
<b>419.4.2.1.1</b> For planning purposes, as determined by the	read easier and be more understandable for	
facility, each new facility shall provide a minimum of 30	the user. There has been some confusion	
net square feet (2.79 m2) per resident served in the	from the users regarding this section.	
occupied resident area(s). The number of patients to be		
served is to be determined by the facility administrator.		
(Mod 1501)	This modification is to make this section	Code correlation
<b>419.4.2.2.2</b> The floor elevation of all new occupied	reader easier and be more understandable	
resident area(s) and all resident support area(s) and	for the user. There has been some confusion	

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resident support utilities, including mechanical,	from the users regarding this section. This	
electrical (except fuel storage as noted in Section	section also gives an exception to	
419.4.2.9.3 of this Code) and food services shall be	underground fuel storage tanks.	
located above the 100-year flood plain or hurricane		
Category 3 (Saffir-Simpson scale) hurricane surge		
inundation elevations whichever requires the highest		
elevation <del>, or</del> .		
(Mod 1502)	This modification is to make this section	Editorial for clarity
<b>419.4.2.2.3</b> New additions or floors added to existing	easier to read and be more understandable	
facilities, as determined by their site locations, shall	for the user. There has been some confusion	
either meet sections 419.4.2.2.1 or 419.2.2.2 of this	from the users regarding this section. This	
<u>Code or be so designed and constructed as to be in</u>	section now clearly makes a distinction	
compliance with the current standards of the National	between new and existing facilities and	
Flood Insurance Program of the Federal Emergency	what is required of each.	
Management Agency, incorporated by reference and		
available from Federal Emergency Management		
Agency, Federal Insurance Administration, Attn.		
Publications, P.O. Box 70274, Washington, D.C. 20024.		
(Mod 1503)	This modification is necessary because	Removes out of date
419.4.2.5.7 When not being used to protect the	there is no longer any requirement in any	requirement
windows, the protective system shall not restrict the	code that the bedroom windows must open.	-
operability (if provided) of the windows in the occupied		
resident bedrooms.		
<b>419.4.2.5.8</b> <u>7</u> When not being used to protect the		
windows, the protective systems shall not reduce the		
clear window opening below that required by this code		
for the resident room.		
(Mod 1504)	The deleted material is redundant. This	Adds washer dryer to
419.4.2.9.1.3 Life safety and critical branch lighting and	modification is a result of lessons learned	critical branch

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systems as required by this section; At a minimum there	during the past hurricane seasons. The lack	
shall be one clothes washer and one clothes dryer for	of any ability to wash laundry in the	
laundry service;	hospital has made it very difficult to provide	
	a suitable environment of care for the	
	patients who were still in the facility.	
(Mod 1505)	This is a new section added to the code as a	Requires emergency
419.4.2.9.7 If the facility does not have a permanent	result of lessons learned from the past	electrical connection
onsite optional stand-by generator to operate the normal	hurricane seasons. The lack of electrical	
branch electrical system, there shall be a permanently	power over an extended period of time has	
installed pre-designed electrical service entry for the	resulted in many displaced patients for long	
normal branch electrical system that will allow a quick	periods of time. The cost to install	
connection to a temporary electrical generator. This	generators that would operate the normal	
quick connection shall be installed inside of a permanent	branch of the electrical system including	
metal enclosure rated for this purpose and may be	general lighting and air conditioning would	
located on the exterior of the building.	cost many thousands of dollars for a	
	hospital However, adding this type of quick	
	connect electrical service panel will allow	
	the hospital to quickly and safely plug into a	
	temporary generator that can supply the	
	entire building with electrical power. This is	
	a more cost effective way to help solve the	
	problem of extended power outages for	
	hospitals.	
(Mod 1506)	Corrects a bad reference to the FAC.	Corrects reference
419.4.2.11 External emergency communications		
standards. (Reference Chapter 59A-3.081 <del>(b)</del> Florida		
Administrative Code for requirements.)		
(Mod 1508)	The date of the edition is already referenced	Formatting, editorial
<b>420.2.2</b> The Guidelines for Design and Construction of	in the referenced standards of Chapter 35 of	
Hospitals and Health Care Facilities (the Guidelines),	this Code.	

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2001 edition, Chapters 1-6, incorporated by reference.		
and obtainable from the American Institute of		
Architects, 1735 New York Ave., N.W., Washington,		
<del>D.C. 20006-5292</del> .		
(Mod 1509)	Bed rails are no longer required on resident	Deletes out of date
<b>420.3.2.3</b> Each resident room shall have a bedside table,	beds.	requirements.
a reading lamp, a well-constructed appropriate bed		
equipped with bed rails, and a nonfolding type armchair		
for each resident. There shall be an over-bed table		
available for a minimum of 50 percent of the licensed		
beds in the facility.		
(Mod 1510)	It has clearly been shown that unless rated	Labeling of rated walls
<b>420.3.10.21</b> Where it is not possible to inspect	fire and smoke walls are clearly identified	C
<u>fire/smoke partitions because of the fire-tested</u>	maintenance of this walls is impossible.	
membrane, fire-rated access panels shall be installed	This modification is intended to assist the	
adjacent to each side of the smoke partitions at intervals	Agency, the building manager, the	
not exceeding 30 feet (9.00 m) and in such locations as	maintenance worker and the contractors	
necessary to view all surfaces of the partition. Fire walls,	working in the buildings to be able to	
Fire Barriers, Fire Partitions, Smoke Barriers and Smoke	identify and protect these very important	
partitions or any other wall required to have protected	life safety partitions from being damaged.	
openings shall be effectively and permanently identified	Once these partitions are damage, smoke	
with signs or stenciling. Such identification shall be	migration throughout the facility can be	
above any decorative ceiling and in concealed spaces.	expected with resulting loss of life. This has	
Suggested wording for a fire/smoke partition is as	been a code requirement until the 2004	
follows: "FIRE AND SMOKE BARRIER – PROTECT	FBC. It is a minimal cost effective way to	
ALL OPENINGS."	ensure the lives and safety of the nursing	
	home residents.	
(Mod 1511)	The deletion of this language is to make the	Revises fan control
<b>420.3.16.1</b> During a fire alarm, fan systems and fan	Code more understandable for the user.	
equipment serving more than one room shall be stopped	Because of the relative air pressures that	

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or controlled to prevent the movement of smoke by	must be maintained inside the facility to	
mechanical means from the zone in alarm to adjacent	control the spread of infection and because	
smoke zones.	of the problem of testing and maintenance	
	of such smoke control system, the best and	
	most cost effective system that can be	
	installed is a "passive" system where all	
	fans just shut down on fire alarm. The	
	division of these facilities into smoke	
	compartments, the required sprinklering and	
	unique staffing makes the use of a passive	
	smoke control system the best system to use	
	in a health care setting.	
(Mod 1512)	The requirement as it is currently written	Locates fire pump
<b>420.3.19.6</b> The fire pump shall be installed in a readily	becomes almost impossible to achieve in	
accessible location. with direct access from the exterior.	multi story buildings when the fire pump is	
When it is located on the grade level floor, there shall be	located above the grade level floor.	
direct access from the exterior.	However, it is important to for fire	
	personnel to have ready and quick access to	
	this piece of equipment. Therefore, when it	
	is located on the grade level floor, it should	
	not be located somewhere in the middle of	
	the building where it will be difficult to	
	access my emergency personnel. This	
	modification retains the original intent of	
	the requirement while accommodating	
	locations other than on the grade level.	
(Mod 1513)	The deletion of this language is to make the	Clarifies nurse call
<b>420.3.24.1</b> A nurse call system shall be provided that	Code more understandable for the user. The	requirements
will register a call from each resident bed to the related	term "corridor zone light" is the correct	
staff work area(s) by activating a visual signal at the	term to use in this situation.	

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resident room door and activating a visual and audible		
signal in the clean utility, soiled utility, nourishment		
station, medication prep and the master station of the		
nursing unit or sub nursing unit. Audible signals may be		
temporarily silenced, provided subsequent calls		
automatically reactive the audible signal. In rooms		
containing two or more calling stations, indicating lights		
shall be provided for each calling station. In		
multicorridor nursing units, additional visible signals		
corridor zone lights shall be installed at corridor		
intersections in the vicinity of staff work areas.		
(Mod 1514)	The deletion of this language is to make the	Revises nurse call for clarity
<b>420.3.24.3</b> The nurse call master station shall not block	Code more understandable for the user.	
incoming resident calls. The master station control		
settings or handset position shall not prevent the		
activation of the incoming audible and visual signals.		
(Mod 1515)	Although this is already a requirement, this	Clarifies nurse call dome
420.3.24.5 A corridor dome light shall be located	makes the notification location of a corridor	light location
directly outside of any resident care area that is equipped	light for the nurse call clear to the user.	
with a nurse call system.		
(Mod 1516)	Presently, the only way this section on	Revises hurricane
<b>420.4.1.1 "New facility"</b> means a nursing home, or an	Disaster Preparedness is triggered for an	requirements.
addition of a wing or floor to an existing nursing home,	existing facility is if there is a wing or an	
which has not received a Stage II Preliminary Plan	addition added to this facility. The facility	
approval from the Agency for Health Care	could have all of the windows, changed,	
Administration pursuant to this section. Interior	new roofing material, the generator and all	
renovation, refurbishing, modifications or conversions	of the roof top mounted mechanical	
inside of an existing structure licensed as a nursing	equipment changed and not have to adhere	
home shall not have to meet the standards contained in	to any of the hurricane standards. This is not	
this paragraph.	what the original intent of the code	

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	requirement was meant to be. It was	
	intended new facilities and renovated	
	facilities would comply with the new	
	standards just as they presently do with any	
	new or current code and standard. Existing	
	facilities would still not have to comply but	
	the renovation that effected the hurricane	
	protection requirements would have to	
	comply with this section.	
(Mod 1526)	This section actually deals with Disaster	Revises hurricane
420.4.2 New facility Disaster Preparedness	Preparedness construction standards and not	requirements
construction standards.	new facility construction standards. Section	
The following construction standards are in addition to	4.3 is new facility construction standards	
the physical plant requirements described in Sections	and these are additional to those standards	
420.2 through 420.3. These minimum standards are	for new and renovated construction.	
intended to increase the ability of the new facility to be		
structurally capable of serving as a shelter for residents,		
staff and the family of residents and staff and equipped		
to be self-supporting during and immediately following		
a disaster:		
(Mod 1517)	This modification is to make this section	Clarifies intended number of
<b>420.4.2.1.1</b> For planning purposes, as determined by the	reader easier and be more understandable	residents
facility, each new facility shall provide a minimum of 30	for the user. There has been some confusion	
net square feet (2.79 m2) per resident served in the	from the users regarding this section.	
occupied resident area(s). The number of residents to be		
served is to be determined by the facility administration.		
(Mod 1518)	This modification is to make this section	Code consistency
420.4.2.2.2 The floor elevation of all new occupied	reader easier and be more understandable	
resident area(s) and all resident support area(s) and	for the user. There has been some confusion	
resident support utilities, including mechanical.	from the users regarding this section. This	

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electrical (except fuel storage as noted in Section	section also gives an exception to	
420.4.2.9.3 of this Code) and food services shall be	underground fuel storage tanks.	
located above the 100-year flood plain or hurricane		
Category 3 (Saffir-Simpson scale) hurricane surge		
inundation elevations whichever requires the highest		
elevation <del>, or</del> .		
(Mod 1519)	This modification is to make this section	Revised to make
420.4.2.2.3 New additions or floors added to existing	easier to read and be more understandable	requirements more clear.
facilities, as determined by their site locations, shall	for the user. There has been some confusion	
either meet sections 420.4.2.2.1 or 420.2.2.2.2 of this	from the users regarding this section. This	
Code or be so designed and constructed as to be in	section now clearly makes a distinction	
compliance with the current standards of the National	between new and existing facilities and	
Flood Insurance Program of the Federal Emergency	what is required of each.	
Management Agency, incorporated by reference and		
available from Federal Emergency Management		
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Publications, P.O. Box 70274, Washington, D.C. 20024.		
(Mod 1520)	This modification is necessary because	Deletes out of date
420.4.2.5.7 When not being used to protect the	there is no longer any requirement in any	requirement
windows, the protective system shall not restrict the	code that the bedroom windows must open.	
operability (if provided) of the windows in the occupied		
resident bedrooms.		
420.4.2.5.8 7 When not being used to protect the		
windows, the protective systems shall not reduce the		
clear window opening below that required by this code		
for the resident room.		
(Mod 1524)	The deleted material is redundant. This	Adds washer and dryer to
420.4.2.9.1.3 Life safety and critical branch lighting and	modification is a result of lessons learned	critical branch
systems as required by this section; At a minimum there	during the past hurricane seasons. The lack	

shall be one clothes washer and one clothes dryer for	of any ability to wash laundry in the nursing	
laundry service;	homes made it very difficult to provide a	
	suitable environment of care for the	
	residents who were still in the facility.	
(Mod 1525)	This is a new section added to the code as a	Add emergency electrical
420.4.2.9.7 If the facility does not have a permanent	result of lessons learned from the past	connection.
onsite optional stand-by generator to operate the normal	hurricane seasons. The lack of electrical	
branch electrical system, there shall be a permanently	power over an extended period of time has	
installed pre-designed electrical service entry for the	resulted in many displaced elderly persons	
normal branch electrical system that will allow a quick	for long periods of time. The cost to install	
connection to a temporary electrical generator. This	generators that would operate the normal	
quick connection shall be installed inside of a permanent	branch of the electrical system including	
metal enclosure rated for this purpose and may be	general lighting and air conditioning would	
located on the exterior of the building.	cost about \$150,000 dollars for a new 120-	
	bed nursing home. However, adding this	
	type of quick connect electrical service	
	panel will allow the nursing home to	
	quickly and safely plug into a temporary	
	generator that can supply the entire nursing	
	home with electrical power. This would cost	
	only about \$15,000 to\$ 20,000 for a 120-	
	bed nursing home. This is a more cost	
	effective way to help solve the problem of	
	extended power outages for nursing homes.	
(Mod 1527)	All Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASC) are	Revises operating room
<b>421.3.2.1</b> All ambulatory surgical centers shall be	licensed as general surgical centers and	requirements
equipped with a minimum of one operating room that is	must have at least one operating room	
in compliance with the requirements of a "Class <u>BC</u> "	where general anesthesia can be	
operating room as described in Chapter 9.5.F of The	administered. According to the appendix in	
Guidelines.	the Guidelines, Section 9.5.F2.a, the	

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	American College of Surgeons Classes of	
	Surgical Facilities states that, "Class C-	
	Provides for major surgical procedures that	
	require general or regional block anesthesia	
	and support of vital bodily functions."	
	Because general anesthesia can be	
	performed in any of the ASCs licensed by	
	the state, all of these ASCs should conform	
	to the requirement for a Class C operating	
	room. The original requirement as stated in	
	this section was incorrect and not in	
	compliance with the referenced standard.	
421.3.2.2 In addition to the operating room(s) If	The way this section is currently written has	Editorial for clarity
provided, a procedure, examination, or treatment	created some confusion among the users of	
room(s) shall may be if provided. if required by the	the Code as to what is required. The	
facility's functional program. If provided, this room(s)	treatment room is not a requirement of the	
shall have a minimum clear area of 120 square feet (11.5	code but if the functional program specifies	
m2) and shall meet only the requirement for an	one, then it must be designed with specific	
examination/treatment room as described in The	requirements. This revision makes this	
Guidelines.	section more understandable to the user.	
(Mod 1529)	The Modification to Section 421.3.2.1 will	Revises operating room
<b>421.3.3.2</b> At a minimum it shall be in compliance with	require a Class C operating room. Therefore	requirements.
the requirements of a recovery room for a "Class $\underline{B} \underline{C}$ "	this section must change to make the Code	
operating room as described in Chapter 9.5.F3 of The	consistent with the requirements of a Class	
Guidelines.	C operating room and Class C recovery	
	room.	
(Mod 1530)	There has been some confusion by users	Adds reference for code
421.3.5.1 All new ambulatory surgical centers located in	because there is no reference to the	consistency and clarity.
multistory buildings where patient treatment areas are	electrical requirements in this section. This	
located on other than the exit floor shall have at least	Modification will make the Code easier and	

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one 2,500 pound (933 kg) capacity elevator that shall be	more understandable for the users by	
in compliance with the requirements of Section	referencing the special electrical	
4.21.3.13.5 of this Code and the requirements of Chapter	requirements in this section for such	
30 of the Code and Chapter 69A-47, Florida	elevators.	
Administrative Code, "Uniform Fire Safety Standards		
for Elevators."		
(Mod 1531)	The deletion of this language is to make the	Revises requirements for
<b>421.3.7.1</b> During a fire alarm, fan systems and fan	Code more understandable for the user.	smoke control.
equipment shall be stopped or controlled to prevent the	Because of the relative air pressures that	
movement of smoke by mechanical means from the	must be maintained inside the facility to	
zone in alarm to adjacent smoke zones or to adjacent	control the spread of infection and because	
areas within the smoke zone if there is only one zone in	of the problem of testing and maintenance	
the facility.	of such smoke control system, the best and	
	most cost effective system that can be	
	installed is a "passive" system where all	
	fans just shut down on fire alarm. The	
	division of these facilities into smoke	
	compartments, the required sprinklering and	
	unique staffing makes the use of a passive	
	smoke control system the best system to use	
	in a health care setting.	
(Mod 1532)	The requirement as it is currently written	Revises location of fire
<b>421.3.9.6</b> The fire pump shall be installed in a readily	becomes almost impossible to achieve in	pump access.
accessible location. with direct access from the exterior.	multi story buildings when the fire pump is	
When it is located on the grade level floor, there shall be	located above the grade level floor.	
direct access from the exterior.	However, it is important to for fire	
	personnel to have ready and quick access to	
	this piece of equipment. Therefore, when it	
	is located on the grade level floor, it should	
	not be located somewhere in the middle of	

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	the building where it will be difficult to	
	access my emergency personnel. This	
	modification retains the original intent of	
	the requirement while accommodating	
	locations other than on the grade level.	
(Mod 1533)	The requirement as it is currently written is	Revises O.R. light
<b>421.3.10.5</b> Operating rooms shall have general lighting	confusing to the users. The modification is	requirements
for the room in addition to local <u>ized</u> specialized lighting	meant to clarify this requirement for the	
provided by <u>a special lighting units required at the</u>	users.	
surgical table. The type of special lighting unit shall be		
as required specified by the functional program of the		
facility. Each special lighting unit for localized lighting		
at the surgical tables shall be permanently installed and		
permanently connected to an independent circuit and		
that shall be powered from the critical branch. In		
addition, A a minimum of one general purpose lighting		
fixture shall be powered from a normal circuit in an <u>all</u>		
operating room <u>s.</u>		
(Mod 1534)	This modification is meant to clarify this	Clarifies type of receptacle
421.3.10.6.4 There shall be no more than two duplex	requirement for the users.	
receptacles per circuit.		
(Mod 1535)	This modification is meant to clarify this	Clarifies dome light
<b>421.3.11.1</b> In facilities, which contain more than eight	requirement for the users. Dome light is	requirement.
recovery beds, or where recovery beds are not in direct	already required but this language makes it	_
view from the nurse's station, a nurses' calling system	clearer for the user to know this	
shall be provided. Each recovery bed shall be provided	requirement.	
with a call button. Two call buttons serving adjacent	-	
beds may be served by one calling station. Call shall		
activate a visual and audible signal at the nurses' station		
and in the clean workroom and soiled workroom. Call		

shall also activate a corridor dome light located at each		
patient recovery position.		
(Mod 1536)	This modification is meant to clarify this	Clarifies dome light
421.3.11.3 A corridor dome light shall be located	requirement for the users. Dome light is	requirement
directly outside of any patient use area that is equipped	already required but this language makes it	
with a nurse call system.	clearer for the user to know this	
	requirement.	
(Mod 1537)	There has been some confusion by users as	Adds reference for code
421.3.13.5 A minimum of one elevator <del>per bank</del> serving	to which elevator is to be connected to the	consistency.
any patient treatment floor shall be <u>in compliance with</u>	essential electric system. This Modification	2
Section 421.3.5 of this Code and shall be connected to	will make the Code easier and more	
the equipment branch of the essential electric system	understandable for the users by referencing	
and arranged for manual or automatic operation during	the special elevator requirements in this	
loss of normal power.	section for such elevators.	
(Mod 1395)	The definition in Section 423.5.5.1 conflicts	Allow exterior courtyards to
423.5.5.1 "Exterior Courtyard" is a courtyard which	with the intent and enforcement of Florida	be secured with walls or
is not roofed, has a minimum width of 40 feet (1219	DOE. It also conflicts with the informal	fences and allow egress
mm), and	interpretation for the Building Officials	from the exterior courtyard
a. has an opening a minimum width of 40 feet	Association of Florida report # 3669 dated	by means of doors from
(1219 mm), with no obstruction, on at least one	May 6, 2005. This section only applies to	courtyard
end, <u>or</u>	Public education facilities and appears no	
b. <u>has fences between the buildings for security</u>	where else in the code.	
purposes and the required exiting capacity of the		
courtyard is provided for by means of doors or		
gates from the courtyard.		
An exterior courtyard may be considered exterior space		
and used for exiting of adjacent spaces. For an exterior		
courtyard with an opening between 40 feet (1219 mm)		
and 60 feet wide (18 288 mm), the <u>building</u> walls and		

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wall openings must meet the requirements of the <i>Florida</i>		
Building Code, Building Tables 601 and 602 and the		
maximum travel to the courtyard opening/exit shall not		
exceed 150 feet (45,720 mm) from any point within the		
courtyard. If the minimum courtyard width exceeds 60		
feet (18 288mm) the travel distance to a courtyard		
opening/exit may exceed 150 feet (945,720 mm)		
(Mod 1302)	This change clarifies that the Florida	This change clarifies that
423.6.1 Occupancy during construction.	Edition of NFPA 101 applies to the	the Florida Edition of NFPA
School board and community college board facilities, or	construction of Florida's public educational	101 applies to the
portions of facilities, shall not be occupied during	facilities.	construction of emergency
construction unless exits, fire detection and early		rescue windows in Florida's
warning systems, fire protection, and safety barriers are		public educational facilities.
continuously maintained and clearly marked at all times.		
Construction on an occupied school board site shall be		
separated from students and staff by secure barriers.		
Prior to issuance of the notice to proceed, a safety plan		
shall be provided by the contractor, which clearly		
delineates areas for construction, safety barriers, exits,		
construction traffic during the various phases of the		
project and when conditions change. Where heavy		
machinery, as is used for earth moving or scraping, is		
required to work on a school board's occupied site, the		
work shall be separated from occupants by secure		
double barriers with a distance of 10 feet (3048 mm) in		
between. New construction, remodeling or renovations		
in existing facilities shall not reduce the means of egress		
below the requirements for new buildings; safe means of		
egress from a student-occupied space may be		
accomplished as authorized by NFPA 101, Florida		

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Edition as adopted by the Florida Fire Prevention Code.		
New construction (additions) shall not block or reduce		
safe means of egress.		
(Mod 1303)	This change clarifies existing requirements	This change clarifies
423.7.6. Automatic Shut Off.	for gas valves. The current code places two	existing requirements for
The fire alarm system shall shut off gas and fuel oil	similar gas valve installations into one	gas valves in public
supplies, which serve student-occupied spaces or pass	paragraph, which has caused confusion for	educational buildings
through such spaces. The fire alarm system shall not	system designers and review officials.	
shut off gas supplies, which serve emergency power		
sources. Kitchen gas supplies shall be shut off by an		
automatic fire extinguishing system. The shut-off valve		
shall be located <u>on the exterior at the service entrance</u> to		
the building. The shut-off valve shall have be of the		
manual reset type.		
423.7.6.1. Kitchen Gas Supplies.		
Kitchen gas supplies shall be shut-off by activation of		
the kitchen hood fire suppression system. The shut-off		
valve shall be installed in accordance with the		
manufacturer's instructions and recommendations.		
423.7.6.2. Emergency Power.		
The fire alarm system shall not shut off gas supplies,		
which serve emergency power sources.		
(Mod 1304)	This change reorganizes and clarifies the	This change reorganizes and
423.7.7. Unoccupied Rooms and Concealed Spaces.	current requirements for fire detection	clarifies the current
Rooms or spaces for storage, custodial closets,	devices. The use of the generic term for	requirements for fire
mechanical rooms, spaces under stages with wood	devices allows the design professional to	detection devices in public
structures and other unoccupied or unsupervised spaces	select the appropriate device for the level of	educational buildings.
in a building shall have automatic smoke or heat fire	protection required. In fully sprinklered	

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alarm system detector devices installed. Any concealed	buildings, the sprinker head serves as a fire	
space with exposed materials having a flame spread	detection device and additional fire	
rating greater than Class A, including crawl spaces	detection devices are not needed, except for	
under floors, interstitial spaces between ceiling and floor	smoke detectors that are required by the	
or roof above and attic spaces, shall be equipped with	Florida Fire Prevention Code.	
heat detector devices. Smoke and heat detector devices		
shall be installed in accordance with NFPA 72. In fully		
sprinklered buildings, heat detectors are not required.		
Smoke detectors, where required by the Florida Fire		
Prevention Code, must remain.		
423.7.7.1. Fully Sprinklered Buildings.		
In fully sprinklered buildings, fire alarm detection		
devices are not required except where specified in the		
Florida Fire Prevention Code.		
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emergency rescue, and secondary means of egress		
windows may be included in the calculation to comply		
with this requirement.		
423.13.8.2 Projecting and awning windows.		
Projecting and awning windows shall not be located		
below door head height if in, or adjacent to, a corridor or		
walkway.		
423.13.8.3 Security/Storm Screens or Grills.		
If a security/storm screen or grille is installed on the		
outside of an emergency access, rescue or egress		
window assembly then that security/storm screen or		
grille together with the emergency rescue window		
assembly shall be operable from the inside by a single		
operation without the use of tools to allow for exit under		
emergency conditions. The emergency rescue window		
shall be identified by signage, and the release device		
shall be readily identifiable.		
(Mod 1306)	This change clarifies that the Florida	This change clarifies that
423.14.2.1 Emergency rescue windows:	Edition of NFPA 101 applies to the	the Florida Edition of NFPA
Windows for emergency rescue shall comply with	construction of emergency rescue windows	101 applies to the
NFPA 101, Florida Edition as adopted by the Florida	in Florida's public educational facilities	construction of emergency
	In Forida's public educational facilities	rescue windows in Florida's
Fire Prevention Code, shall be operable from the inside by a single operation, and shall be labeled		
		public educational facilities.
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shall comply with NFPA 101, <u>Florida Edition as</u>		
adopted by the Florida Fire Prevention Code, shall be		

operable from the inside by a single operation and shall	a for consideration by the Froma Dananig	
be labeled "EMERGENCY RESCUE-KEEP AREA		
CLEAR." (Mod 1308)	This change deletes duplicate provisions	Deletes duplicate provisions
423.14.8 Provide caution signs. Hazardous work	already found in section 423.14.2.6, FBC,	for hazardous signage found
and storage areas shall be identified by appropriate	and renumbers code provisions that follow	elsewhere in the code.
caution signs.	from 423.14.9 to 423.14.8.	
423.14.8 423.14.9 Interior finishes.		
423.14.8.1 4 <del>23.14.9.1</del> Floors.		
Floors in instructional spaces shall be covered with		
resilient material or carpet. Floors in gymnasium locker		
rooms, showers, drying areas, toilet rooms, kitchens,		
scullerys, food storage areas and can wash areas shall be impervious.		
Impervious.		
423.14.8.2 4 <del>23.14.9.2</del> Walls.		
Walls in toilet rooms shall be impervious to a height of		
at least 4 feet (1219 mm) above the floor. Walls in		
kitchens, scullerys, can wash areas, shower rooms shall		
be impervious to a height of at least 6 feet (1829 mm)		
above the floor. Toilet and shower partitions shall be		
impervious.		
423.14.8.3 4 <del>23.14.9.3</del> Ceilings.		
Ceilings in group toilet rooms, kitchens, scullerys, can		
wash areas, showers and locker rooms shall be		
impervious.		
(Mod 1315)	This is a clarification to Section 423.16.2.	This change recognizes the

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423.16.2 Teacher Toilets.	This change recognizes the fact that	fact that community college
In school board facilities, faculty and staff toilets shall	community college faculty/staff and	faculty/staff and students are
be separate from student toilets.	students are all adults and the possibility	all adults and separate staff
	that an incident of wrongdoing, or	and student toilets are not
Exception: Separation of faculty/staff and student toilet	appearance of such, is not likely to occur.	required.
facilities is not required for Community Colleges.		
(Mod 1316)	This change modifies the current	This change will require a
423.16.11 Dousing shower and eye wash.	requirement to include instructor who also	dousing shower/eyewash in
Every science room, lab, or shop where instructors and	handle chemicals that are dangerous to	demonstration
students handle materials or chemicals potentially	human tissue. This change specifically	classrooms/labs where only
dangerous to human tissue shall be provided with a	requires a dousing shower/eyewash in	the instructor handles
dousing shower and eyewash for emergency use,	demonstration classrooms/labs where only	chemicals in public
including a floor drain.	the instructor handles the chemicals.	educational facilities.
(Mod 1318)	This change clarifies in the title that the	Adds the word "Sauna" to
423.17.6 <u>Sauna and</u> Steam rooms.	section applies to both sauna and steam	the title of the section.
A "panic" switch to deactivate power to heating	rooms as indicated in the text.	
equipment shall be provided inside sauna and steam		
rooms. The panic switch shall also be tied into an alarm		
or other approved warning device in a supervised space		
in the area of the sauna and/or steam room. The		
operation of the switch shall be labeled to indicate the		
intended function.		
(Mod 1320)	This change clarifies that a residential type	Adds residential type range
<b>423.21.7</b> When provided a residential-type kitchen shall	range is to be included in a residential type	to the requirements for
include a nonslip floor, a refrigerator, a residential	kitchen when provided in child care/day	residential kitchens in public
range, a residential-type range hood mechanically	care facility. This was inadvertently left out	educational child care/day
exhausted to the outside, and a fire extinguisher located	of the original section where a residential	care facilities.
within 15 feet (457 mm) of the range within the same	type hood is required above a range but the	
roo <b>m</b> .	residential type range was not called for.	

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(Mod 1321)	This change clarifies that counter tops,	This change clarifies that
423.22.3.5 A working counter top with lavatory/sink and	containing a sink supplied with both hot and	sinks are required in both
hot water shall be provided in each clinic.	cold water, are required in both clinic rooms	male and female clinic
	when separated clinic rooms are provided	rooms when separated clinic
	for male and female students. The present	rooms are provided public
	wording can be construed to mean that only	educational facilities.
	one counter top and lavatory is required	
	when separate clinics are provided.	
(Mod 1322)	Section 1013.372(1), Florida Statute, has	Delete the words "core
423.25.1 New Facilities.	been revised to delete the words "core	facility" from scope
New educational facilities for school boards and	facility." This change aligns the Florida	requirements for EHPAs
community college boards, unless specifically exempted	Building Code with Florida Statutes.	
by the board with the written concurrence of the		
applicable local emergency management agency or the		
Department of Community Affairs (DCA), shall have		
appropriate core facility areas designed as enhanced		
hurricane protection areas (EHPAs) in compliance with		
this section.		
(Mod 1312)	This change clarifies that all EHPAs must	This change clarifies that all
423.25.4.3.2 EHPAs without windows shall have	be provided with mechanical ventilation for	EHPAs must be provided
mechanical ventilation systems. Ventilation shall be	the health and safety concerns of the	with mechanical ventilation
provided at a minimum rate of 2 cfm per square foot of	occupants. While it is clear that windowless	for the health and safety of
EHPA floor area. The mechanical ventilation system	buildings require a means of mechanical	occupants
shall be connected to the EHPA's emergency power.	ventilation, it is not clear to some design	
	professionals that the windows of an EHPA	
	must be closed during the storm event, and	
	that mechanical ventilation is required	
	during this period, even if natural	
	ventilation may be provided by opening the	
	windows prior to and after the storm.	

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423.27.7 Fire-retardant-treated wood (FRTW). Only	This section applies to relocatable buildings.	Type III construction is not
FRTW which does not contain ammonium phosphates,	Section 423.27.3 restricts type of	permitted for these
sulfates, or halides may be used in the roof structure of	construction to Type I, II, or IV, therefore,	structures. Proposal
Type III <u>II</u> construction, as authorized by other section	Type III is not permitted. However, section	eliminate the reference and
of the Florida Building Code. FRTW shall comply with	recognizes FRTW will work in a Type III	allows the material to be
the specific requirements found elsewhere in these	building. Because it will work in a Type III	used consistent with the
public educational facilities requirements. Contractors	building, the FRTW can work in any type of	FBC
shall provide evidence of compliance to inspectors.	construction. The current section shows a	
Inspection access panels shall be provided to facilitate	bias against this product. The product will	
initial and annual inspections for general condition	perform in all types of construction because	
assessment of FRTW and connectors.	it doesn't know in what type of building or	
	occupancy it is located.	
(Mod 1323)	This change clarifies that the Florida	This change clarifies that
423.27.10.1 Interior walls and ceilings.	Edition of NFPA 101 applies to the	the Florida Edition of NFPA
Interior wall and ceiling finishes in classrooms and other	construction of Florida's public educational	101 applies to the
student use spaces shall be Class A or B as defined in	facilities.	construction of emergency
NFPA 101, Florida Edition as adopted by the Florida		rescue windows in Florida's
Fire Prevention Code. Corridor finishes shall be Class		public educational facilities
A. Formaldehyde levels shall not exceed the minimum		
HUD standards for manufactured housing.		
<u>(Mod 1629)</u>	All (or virtually all) other health care	Add construction standards
SECTION 437	facility construction standards are included	for hospice inpatient
HOSPICE INPATIENT FACILITIES AND UNITS	in the Florida Building Code. There is no	facilities and units and
AND HOSPICE RESIDENCES	reason why hospice inpatient and residence	hospice residences to
	constructions standards should not be	Florida Building Code per
<u>437.1 Scope.</u>	included as well. Because of the adoption	chapter 2005-191, Laws of
	of chapter 2005-191, Laws of Florida,	Florida
All hospice inpatient facilities and units and residences	adding "hospice residential and inpatient	
shall comply with the following design and construction	facilities" to section 553.73, Florida	
standards. Enforcement and interpretation of these	Statutes, hospice facility construction	

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provisions shall be by the state agency authorized by	standards are now required to be included in	
section 553.73, Florida Statutes.	the Florida Building Code. This	
	modification is intended to meet that	
<b>Note:</b> Other administrative and programmatic provisions	requirement.	
may apply. See Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA)	Florida Hospices and Palliative Care, Inc.,	
Rule 58A-2, Florida Administrative Code, Agency for	and its members are interested in achieving	
Health Care Administration (AHCA) Rule 59C-1,	statewide uniformity in construction and in	
Florida Administrative Code, and Chapter 400 Part VI,	ensuring that hospice facilities are not	
Florida Statutes.	excluded or considered less important than	
	other health care facilities or settings.	
437.2 Physical Plant Requirements (Inpatient		
Facility and Unit).		
<b>437.2.1</b> As used in this rule, "inpatient facility and unit"		
means the location where inpatient services are provided		
to hospice patients that are in need of hospice inpatient		
<u>care.</u>		
437.2.2 Codes and Standards.		
437.2.2.1 All new inpatient units and facilities, and		
additions or renovations to existing units and facilities		
shall be in compliance with the requirements for:		
<u>1. Institutional Occupancy – Group I-2, as described in</u>		
Section 308.3 of this code; and		
2. The National Fire Protection Association Life Safety		
Code 101, Chapter 18, New Health Care Occupancy, as		
described in Rule 4-69A-3.012, F.A.C., Standards of the		

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National Fire Protection Association and incorporated		
by reference in Rule 4 69A-3.012, F.A.C.		
<b>437.2.2.2</b> All new inpatient sleeping rooms shall be		
made accessible and shall comply with the requirements		
of the Florida Building Code, Chapter 11-6.1(1).		
<b>437.2.2.3</b> In renovations and additions to existing		
facilities, only that portion of the total facility affected		
by the project must comply with applicable sections of		
the codes for new facilities and units.		
<b>437.2.2.4</b> Existing portions of the facility that are not		
included in the renovation or addition but are essential to		
the functioning of the complete facility, as well as		
existing areas which receive less than substantial		
amounts of new work, shall comply with the applicable		
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sections of the codes for existing inpatient facilities and		
<u>units.</u>		
<b>437.2.2.5</b> All existing inpatient facilities and units		
licensed by the Agency for Health Care Administration		
shall be in compliance with National Fire Protection		
Association Life Safety Code 101, Chapter 19, Existing		
Health Care Occupancy, and incorporated by reference		
<u>in Rule 69A-3.012, F.A.C.</u>		
<b>437.2.3</b> Construction Requirements. The following shall		
be provided in each inpatient facility and unit:		

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437.2.3.1 Each patient sleeping room shall have a		
minimum room area exclusive of toilet room, or		
permanently attached or built in closets, lockers or		
wardrobes, of one hundred (100) square feet (9.29		
square meters) per bed for private rooms and eighty (80)		
square feet (7.70 square meters) per bed for double		
occupancy rooms.		
437.2.3.2 Each patient sleeping room shall have a		
window or door with a clear glass light in compliance		
with Section 1205.2 of the Florida Building Code. The		
window or door shall open directly to an atrium or to the		
outside of the building with a minimum of twenty (20)		
feet (6.10 meters) in clear and unobstructed vista		
measured perpendicularly from the window or door.		
437.2.3.3 Each patient sleeping room shall have a		
wardrobe, locker or closet suitable for hanging clothing		
of the patient.		
<b>437.2.3.4</b> Other than a patient sleeping room located in a		
hospital or nursing home, each patient sleeping room		
shall have access to a toilet room without having to enter		
the general corridor area. One toilet room shall serve no		
more than four beds and no more than two resident		
rooms. The door shall be side hinged, swing out from		
the toilet room, and unless otherwise required by this		
code, be at least 32 inches (81.28 centimeters) wide. The		
toilet room shall contain a water closet with grab bars on		
both sides and an emergency nurse call station. The		
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water closet shall be equipped with a bedpan-rinsing		
device.		
<b>437.2.3.5</b> A hand washing facility shall be provided		
within each patient toilet room or within each patient		
bedroom.		
<b>437.2.3.6</b> A nurses' station, clean workroom and soiled		
workroom shall be provided. Access to these rooms		
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shall be from a corridor or ante room.		
437.2.3.7 A charting space for clinical staff shall be		
provided at each nurses' station.		
<b>437.2.3.8</b> A hand washing facility shall be located in or		
near each nurses' station.		
437.2.3.9 The clean workroom shall be provided with a		
work counter, hand wash facility, storage facilities and		
covered waste receptacle.		
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<b>437.2.3.10</b> The soiled workroom shall be provided with		
a service sink equipped with rinsing device, work		
counter, a hand washing facility, storage facilities,		
covered waste receptacle, and covered linen receptacle.		
<b>437.2.3.11</b> A drug distribution system shall be provided		
with provisions for the locked storage of medications.		
Nothing in this section shall prohibit the use of the clean		
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workroom for drug distribution.		

437.2.3.12 A clean linen storage room or closet shall be provided.	
437.2.3.13 A nourishment station with equipment for preparing or serving nourishments between scheduled meals shall be provided and shall be available for patient, family, volunteers, guests and staff use. Provisions shall be made for the use and storage of small appliances such as coffee makers or toasters. A minimum of two duplex receptacles connected to a small appliance circuit shall be provided.	
437.2.3.14 A nurse calling system accessible by the patient shall be provided.	
437.2.3.15 Storage for administrative supplies shall be provided.	
437.2.3.16 Parking for stretchers and wheelchairs in an area out of the path of normal traffic and of adequate size for the unit shall be provided.	
437.2.3.17 A janitor's closet with a floor drain and storage space for housekeeping equipment and supplies shall be provided.	
<b>437.2.3.18</b> A multi-purpose lounge suitable and furnished for reception, recreation, dining, visitation, group social activities, and worship shall be provided.	

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437.2.3.19 A conference or consultation room for patient and family use shall be provided.	
<b>437.2.3.20</b> A washer and dryer for patients' personal use shall be provided.	
437.2.6 Details.	
<b>437.2.6.1</b> Fixtures such as drinking fountains, public telephone, vending machines, and portable equipment shall not be located or stored so as to restrict corridor traffic or reduce the minimum required corridor width.	
<b>437.2.6.2</b> Doors to patient tub rooms, showers, and water closets that swing into the room shall be equipped with reversible hardware that will allow the door to swing out in an emergency.	
437.2.6.3 Doors, except those to closets or spaces not subject to occupancy, shall not swing into the exit access corridors.	
<b>437.2.6.4</b> Windows and outer doors, if used for ventilation, shall be equipped with insect screens.	
<b>437.2.6.5</b> Interior thresholds and expansion joint covers shall be made flush with the floor surface.	
437.2.6.6 Grab bars shall be provided at all patient	

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toilets, showers, and tubs. The bars shall have a		
clearance of 1-1/2 inches (38.1 millimeters) to the walls		
and shall be sufficiently anchored to sustain a		
concentrated applied load of not less than 250 pounds		
(113.4 kilograms).		
437.2.6.7 Single paper towel dispensers, soap dispensers		
and covered waste receptacles shall be provided at all		
hand washing facilities.		
437.2.6.8 Staff hand washing facilities shall be fitted		
with wrist blades and a gooseneck type spout.		
437.2.6.9 All hand washing facilities shall be securely		
anchored to withstand an applied vertical load of not less		
than two hundred and fifty pounds on the front of the		
fixture.		
437.2.7 Elevators. In new multistory units and facilities		
an elevator shall be provided in compliance with the		
requirements of Chapter 30 of the Florida Building		
Code. In addition, a hospital-type elevator large enough		
to accommodate a bed and attending staff shall service		
all patient sleeping rooms and patient treatment areas		
located above the ground floor. The car shall be at least		
5 feet 8 inches (1.73 meters) wide by 9 feet (2.74		
meters) deep and the car doors shall have a clear		
opening of not less than 4 feet (1.22 meters) wide and 7		
feet (2.13 meters) high.		

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437.2.8 Mechanical System Requirements.		
437.2.8.1 Air conditioning, heating and ventilating		
systems.		
1. All patient occupied areas shall be heated or cooled		
by individual or central units. Heating units shall be		
designed to provide a minimum of 72 degrees		
Fahrenheit (22.22 Celsius) ambient indoor temperature		
and air conditioning units shall be designed to provide a		
minimum of 78 degrees Fahrenheit (25.55 Celsius)		
ambient indoor temperature.		
2. All air-supply and air-exhaust systems shall be		
mechanically operated. Fans serving exhaust systems		
shall be located at the discharge end of the system.		
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<b>437.2.8.2</b> Plumbing and other piping systems. Water		
distribution systems shall be arranged to provide hot		
water at each hot water outlet at all times. Hot water at		
shower, bathing, and hand washing facilities for		
patients' personal use shall not exceed 110 degrees		
Fahrenheit (43.3 degrees Celsius).		
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437.2.9 Electrical System Requirements.		
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<u>437.2.9.1 Lighting.</u>		
1. All spaces occupied by people, machinery, and		
equipment within the building, approaches to building,		

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and parking areas shall have electric lighting.		
2. All patients' rooms shall have general lighting and		
night lighting. General room luminaries shall be		
switched at the entrance to the patient room.		
437.2.9.2 Receptacles. All patient rooms shall have		
hospital grade duplex grounding type receptacles.		
437.2.10 Emergency Electrical System.		
<b>437.2.10.1</b> A Type 1 essential electrical system shall be provided in all hospice facilities as described in National		
Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code 99.		
"Health Care Facilities", and incorporated by reference		
in Rule 69A-3.012, F.A.C. The emergency power for		
this system shall meet the requirements of a Level 1,		
type 10, Class 48 generator as described in National Fire		
Protection Association Life Safety Code 110,		
"Emergency Standby Power Systems", and incorporated		
by reference in Rule 69A-3.012, F.A.C.		
<b>437.2.10.2</b> In new construction, the normal main service		
equipment shall be separated from the emergency		
distribution equipment by locating it in a separate room.		
Transfer switches shall be considered emergency		
distribution equipment for this purpose.		
437.2.10.3 Switches for critical branch lighting shall be		
completely separate from normal switching. The devices		

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or cover plates shall be of a distinctive color. Critical		
branch switches are permitted to be adjacent to normal		
switches. Switches for life safety lighting are not		
permitted except as required for dusk-to-dawn automatic		
control of exterior lighting fixtures.		
437.2.10.4 There shall be selected life safety lighting		
provided at a minimum of 1 foot-candle and designed		
for automatic dusk-to-dawn operation along the travel		
paths from the exits to the public way or to safe areas		
located a minimum of 30 feet (9.14 meters) from the		
building.		
437.2.10.5 A minimum of one elevator per bank serving		
any patient use floor shall be connected to the equipment		
branch of the essential electric system and arranged for		
manual or automatic operation during loss of normal		
power. Elevator cab lighting, controls, and		
communication and signal systems shall be connected to		
the life safety branch.		
437.2.10.6 There shall be a dedicated low fuel alarm for		
the day tank supplying the emergency generator driver.		
A manual pump shall also be provided for the day tank.		
The alarm shall be located at the generator derangement		
panel.		
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<b>437.2.10.7</b> Transfer switch contacts shall be of the open		
type and shall be accessible for inspection and		
replacement.		

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<b>437.2.10.8</b> If required by the facility's emergency food plan, there shall be power connected to the equipment branch of the essential electrical system for kitchen refrigerators, freezers and range hood exhaust fans. Selected lighting within the kitchen and dry storage areas shall be connected to the critical branch of the essential electrical system.	
<u>437.3 Residential Units.</u>	
<b>437.3.1</b> Residential units shall comply with the Florida Building Code and the National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code 101 as adopted by the Florida Fire Prevention Code.	
<b>437.3.2</b> Residential units shall comply with the following codes and standards:	
<b><u>437.3.2.1</u></b> All new facilities and additions and renovations to existing facilities shall be in compliance with:	
1. Section 310.1 of this code for Group R-4 occupancy;	
2. The National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code 101, Chapter 32, Residential Board and Care Occupancy and incorporated by reference in Rule 69A- 3.012, F.A.C. and	

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<u>3. Chapter 11, Section 11-6.1(1) of the Florida Building</u>		
Code, Building.		
437.3.2.2 All existing facilities shall comply with		
National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code		
101, Chapter 33, Residential Board and Care Occupancy		
and incorporated by reference in Rule 69A-3.012,		
<u>F.A.C.</u>		
(Mod 1433)	Currently the adopted "Safety Code for	Adoption of latest ASME
3001.2 Referenced standards.	Elevators and Escalators" is the ASME	A17.1 Codes
Except as otherwise provided for in this code, the	A17.1 2000 Edition (without the 2001 &	
design, construction, installation, alteration, repair and	2002 addenda). This Edition is the first	
maintenance of elevators and conveying systems and	harmonized elevator code incorporating	
their components shall conform to ASME A17.1, <u>ASME</u>	requirements from the Canadian B44	
A17.1S, ASME A90.1, ASME B20.1, ALI ALCTV,	Elevator Code and many provisions were	
ASME A17.3 and ASME A18.1.	rewritten. The numbering system was also	
The Division of Hotels and Restaurants may grant	changed to international (metric) format.	
exceptions, variances and waivers to the <i>Elevator Safety</i>	Unfortunately, many editorial errors were	
<i>Code</i> as authorized by the <i>Elevator Safety Code</i> . (ASME	discovered, and the American Society of	
A 17.1, Section 1.2) and Florida Statutes (Chapter 120.)	Mechanical Engineers, which develops and	
	produces this code, recommends that the	
	2000 Edition not be adopted without the	
	addenda.	
(Mod 1435)	The proposed wording changes in 3002.8	This proposal corrects FBC
<b>3002.8</b> Each enclosed elevator lobby and each elevator	are to be consistent with NFPA 72, 2002	wording to match newer
machine room shall be provided with an approved	Edition Section 6.15.3, as there are	adopted codes. Will also
smoke detector or other automatic fire alarm	currently conflicts between the two. The	eliminate problems
initiating device where allowed by NFPA 72 located	wording currently in 3002.8 reflects	associated with elevator
in the lobby ceiling in accordance with NFPA 72.	requirements of the 1999 Edition. (EG:	recall from detectors at
Smoke detectors may be installed in any hoistway,	2004 FBC 3002.8 allows smoke detectors in	unenclosed elevator lobbies.

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and shall be installed in hoistways which are	unsprinklered hoist ways under any	
sprinklered, and shall not be installed in	condition, NFPA 72, 2002 Rule 6.15.3.6	
unsprinklered elevator hoistways unless they are	prohibits them except to initiate smoke	
installed to activate the hoistway smoke relief	relief equipment)	
equipment. When the smoke detector is activated, all	Both the Safety Code for Elevators and	
affected elevators shall operate in conformance with	Escalators, ASME A17.1 Rule 2.27.3.2 and	
NFPA 72, Section <del>3–9.3</del> <u>6.15.3</u> .	the National Fire Alarm Code, NFPA 72	
Fire alarm initiating devices are not required for	Rule 6.15.3.7, allow automatic fire initiating	
elevator recall at unenclosed lobbies.	devices other than smoke detectors to recall	
	elevators where ambient conditions do not	
	allow the use of smoke detectors.	
(Mod 1436)	Currently the proposed addition is in the	To move a rule from Florida
3008.1 Serial Numbers	Florida Administrative Code Chapter 61C-5	Administrative Code
	Rule $61C-5.001(7)(a)$ and is enforced by the	Chapter 61C-5 regarding
3008.1	Bureau of Elevator Safety.	numbering of elevators to
(previous text unchanged)		the FBC where it is more
3. The following rules of ASME A17.1, are hereby		appropriate
amended as follows:		
a. Reserved. Rule 2.29.1 is to have the following		
sentence added at the end of this rule: Each car		
in a multi-car group shall be sequentially		
identified from left to right, as viewed from the		
elevator lobby.		
(remaining text unchanged)		

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