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INFORMATIONAL LETTER

DATE: June 1, 2020

TO: Residential or Assisted Living Facilities (RALF)

FROM: Nate Elkins, Supervisor, Fire Life Safety Program

SUBJECT: Special Provisions for Adoption of NFPA 101, 2018 edition

Ref: IDAPA 16.03.22.004, NFPA 101, 2018 edition <https://www.nfpa.org/>

1. The Fire Safety rule adoption outlines the requirements for Residential or Assisted Living Facilities providers and suppliers to meet certain fire safety requirements. The rule includes the adoption of the 2018 edition of the LSC, NFPA 101 and additionally the adoption of Chapter 11 of the 2018 edition of the Health Care Facilities Code, NFPA 99. The regulation does away with the use of the 2000 edition of the LSC and associated reference documents. Fire Life Safety Program also established certain exceptions to the adoption of the 2018 Life Safety and Health Care Facilities Codes.

2. The 2018 edition of the LSC includes new provisions that we believe are vital to the health and safety of all residents and staff. Our intention is to ensure that residents and staff continue to experience the highest degree of fire safety possible. The use of earlier editions of the code can become problematic due to advances in safety and technology and changes made to each edition of the code.

3. Lock Ups - **Not adopted** are the provisions at Chapters 32.3.2.11.2 and 33.3.2.11.2, related to “lockups.” Lock-ups, as described in the LSC, are not appropriate under any circumstances for board and care facilities.

4. Attic Protection - This new rule requires attics of new and existing facilities to be protected.

- If attics used for living purposes, storage, or fuel-fired equipment shall be protected with automatic sprinklers that are part of the required, approved automatic sprinkler system.

- If attics not used for living purposes, storage, or fuel-fired equipment shall meet one of the following criteria:
 - - (1) Attics shall be protected throughout by a heat detection system arranged to activate the building fire alarm system
 - (2) Attics shall be protected with automatic sprinklers that are part of the required, approved automatic sprinkler system.
 - (3) Attics shall be of noncombustible or limited-combustible construction.
 - (4) Attics shall be constructed of fire-retardant-treated wood
 - (5) Attics shall be protected by heat alarms arranged to provide occupant notification

5. This office believes that two (2) years from the effective date of this rule would be an ample amount of time to come into compliance with the Attic Protection requirements, therefore, we are finalizing a 2-year phase-in period. This rule will go into effect on July 1, 2022.

6. If you have any questions regarding this subject, please contact this office. Also, refer to frequently asked questions (FAQ) that are posted effective July 1, 2020 on the Assisted Living and the Facility Fire Safety and Construction websites.

Sincerely,



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