



Center for Clinical Standards and Quality/Survey & Certification Group

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TO: State Survey Agency Directors

FROM: Director
Survey and Certification Group

SUBJECT: Purchase of *Quick Compare, Life Safety Code 2000 & 2012 for Health Care* Web Application

Memorandum Summary

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will be providing a copy of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) *Quick Compare, Life Safety Code 2000 & 2012 for Health Care* web application to State Agencies (SA) and Regional Offices (RO) and who perform fire safety surveys.

Background

CMS has purchased 1,068 copies of the NFPA *Quick Compare, Life Safety Code 2000 & 2012 for Health Care*, which is available as a web application. It provides a side-by-side comparison of the key revisions between the 2000 and the 2012 editions of the Life Safety Code (LSC), and provides a brief description explaining the differences.

Application Features

Utilizing this web application, you can select from either the 2000 or the 2012 edition to browse or search the content in the main window or browse the various code sections. Alternatively, you can apply a filter showing only the content relevant to the specific occupancy. Select from new or existing healthcare, new or existing ambulatory healthcare, or new or existing residential board and care. The filter will display the selected occupancy for ensuring you are navigating the relevant code section.

The Fire Safety Survey Report CMS Form 2786 (2013 version) is included and relevant sections from the 2000 edition LSC are cross-referenced to the K tags on the form, allowing the user to see the full code text that relates to the K tag. The content required in the Fire Safety Survey Report can be added into a dynamic form that allows all of the details to be filled in online. The Notes feature can be used to capture any information about your facility, contractors, work areas, or planning needs.

Application Access:

CMS is providing Quick Compare free of charge to CMS LSC surveyors. To receive a copy of Quick Compare, each State Agency (SA) and Regional Office (RO) should send a list of their LSC surveyors, including the following information to our contractor at NFPA@aha-llc.com:

- Name
- CMS Surveyor ID Number
- Address
- Phone Number
- Email address

This list of surveyors will be forwarded to the NFPA who will then send out information detailing how to access the application on their computers or other electronic devices.

Contact: Questions concerning this application may be addressed to NFPA@aha-llc.com.

Effective Date: Immediately. This information should be communicated with all survey and certification staff, their managers and the State/Regional Office training coordinators within 30 days of this memorandum.

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cc: Survey and Certification Regional Office Management
Regional Office Training Administrators