



Article 28 Architecture & Engineering Reference Standards

For Article 28 licensure, facilities must comply with the reference standards listed below. These standards, with the correct editions, should be included within the list of applicable codes on the drawings. Submissions will be reviewed to these standards and inspected upon construction completion.

1. 2012 NFPA 101 Life Safety Code

- Work proposed within existing Article 28 space must follow the provisions under the “new” occupancy chapters. The same applies to space becoming Article 28 certified, regardless of no proposed construction.
- In multi-tenant buildings, NFPA compliance includes means of egress components to exit discharge and life safety components and systems central to the building that may be beyond the facility’s demised space.
- In high-rise buildings, NFPA compliance includes life safety components and systems beyond the facility’s demised space such as sprinkler protection throughout, fire alarm, detection, communications, emergency lighting, and standby power.

2. 2012 NFPA 99 Health Care Facilities Code

- Required where referenced per NFPA 101 or by The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regulations 42 CFR.

3. Facilities Guidelines Institute (FGI)

- **2014 Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospitals and Outpatient Facilities**
- **2018 Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospitals**
- **2018 Guidelines for Design and Construction of Outpatient Facilities**
- **2014 or 2018 Guidelines for Design and Construction of Residential Health, Care and Support Facilities**

4. 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design

- Renovations within Article 28 space and existing space becoming Article 28 certified must provide provisions for accessibility for all patients, residents, visitors and staff, regardless of the level of proposed renovations or proposing no construction.

Applicants may request an exception when a specific provision of FGI cannot be provided. Low risk or non-critical conditions will be considered. To request an exception, list the specific section of the reference standard on the Architect/Engineer’s Certification Letter and Schedule 6 within your Certificate of Need application. On Schedule 6, specify why the provision cannot be provided and the proposed alternative for the bureau’s review and acceptance. NFPA and ADA federal requirements cannot be waived and must be provided.

Article 28 facilities must also be designed to comply with other applicable local, state and federal codes and regulations.