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Section/page	Topic/Heading	Description
3-1 Definitions	Critical Access Hospital (definition)	Removed “ <i>non-profit or public</i> ” from definition of CAH. Federal definition - Budget Reform Act of 1999, § 403.
3-2		Add ¶(F)(5): “ <i>Was operating as a licensed Critical Access Hospital in Arkansas as of April 2007.</i> ” to clarify that licensed CAH retain licensure under new definition
3-2		Omitted one (superfluous) sub-paragraph
3-2		Moved one subparagraph to a stand alone paragraph (G)
14-5	D(2)(c) Health Info Systems	Adds requirement that verbal/phone orders shall be signed within 96 hours. (CMS required a specific number by the State or else 48 would be used)
“note” 36-1(A) 36-1(F)(1)	Emergency Services	Add: <i>Note applicable federal EMTALA requirements regarding emergency services.</i>
		Clarifies requirement that all hospitals have dedicated EDs. [excepted]: 1. <i>Psychiatric hospitals;</i> 2. <i>Rehab hospitals, and</i> 3. <i>Long term care hospitals.</i>
		Add “ <i>the physician shall determine disposition of the patient.</i> ” Prior language not clear – QMP was required to contact physician to discuss “assessment findings and determine the patient’s condition.”
42-1 Recup Center	New: Patient Identification.	Add §B <i>Patient Identification. Patient armbands shall not be routinely used. Reasonable measures shall be used to identify patients.</i>

Separately attached: Life Safety Code revisions

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Physical Environment 46.A.5	Corridors Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Corridors” defined as “Exit Access Corridor” • Spaces used as “Suites” defined • Delineation of Exit Access Corridor • Changed “shall” to “may” in section (A)(5) last sentence in first paragraph of change: “egress may provide”
46.C.18	Inspection of Laundry Facilities not owned by the Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Originally proposed hospital “<i>system</i>” addition but removed per BOH on April 26, 2007. ○ Added requirement that the facility shall obtain written verification of compliance (with licensing standards) by the laundry per BOH.
Physical Facilities 47.C	Multiple Occupancies	Corrected the Definition of “Multiple Occupancies” to reflect the provisions of Life Safety Code requirements.
47.D.2.g	Life Safety Code	References the Edition of the Life Safety Code Required by the Centers for Medicare Medicaid Services (CMS)
47.4.e	Fire Safety Evaluation System	Allows the use of NFPA 101A for Life Safety Design
Patient Accommodations 48.F	Observation Rooms	Moved from Section 11. Added subsets a, b & c with caveat that call button is required “ <i>unless direct observation is afforded and maintained.</i> ”
Psychiatric Nursing Unit 52.A.7	Added Room size construction standards.	Removed Reference for requirements to Section 48.
Surgical Facilities 53.D	Medical Gas Requirements for Endoscopy	Correction and Referred to Appendix Table 11
53.E.12	“Corridor” Requirements	“Corridor” defined as “Exit Access Corridor”
Emergency Suite 55.A.23	Infection Isolation Room	Added reference to Design requirements
55.A.25	Secured Holding Room	Provides for a design in accordance with the facility’s needs.
Imaging Suite 56.G.1	Support Spaces – Patient Waiting Area	Deleted requirement for separate waiting space for inpatients and outpatients.
Dietary Facilities 63.K	Ware Washing	Requirement for transfer of “clean ware” changed from “shall” to “should”
Health Information Unit 65.E	Record Storage Rooms	Allows fire protection to be either a fire rated compartment or fire sprinkler system
Engineering Service and Equipment 70	Space for Mechanical and Electrical Equipment	Deletes requirement of “Sufficient” space which is not defined.

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Details and Finishes 72.A 1- 2- 3- 6- 8- 16- 31-	Fire Safety Evaluation System (FSES) Door width requirements Corridor Requirements Door Roller Latches Door Swing into corridors Single Handle Faucet Control Insulation Materials	> Allows the use of FSES per NFPA 101A for Life Safety design > Allows the use of NFPA 101, Life Safety Code as an alternative > Adds reference to “Exit Access Corridor” > Clarifies location of where door roller latches are allowed > Deleted, allows NFPA 101, Life Safety Code to control > Deleted approval requirement > Deleted limitation, allows general building codes to control
Electrical Standards 76.A.1 76.D.2 76.D.6 76.F.1 76.F.2	Installation, Maintenance and Testing of Receptacles Minimum Number of Receptacles for General and Critical Care Areas Hospital Grade Outlets Nurse Call Systems Emergency Call Cord	Summarizes requirements by Health Care Facilities Code, NFPA 99 Defers to the National Electrical Code, NFPA 99 and Health Care Facilities Code, NFPA 99 Redundant requirement of 76.D.2, above. Clarification that systems are to be electrical/electronic in design Access for patient lying on the floor
Ambulatory Surgery Centers 79.M.1.a	Public Corridors	Clarification for the width of specific corridors
Outpatient Care Facilities 80.F.23.a	Public Corridors	Clarification for the width of specific corridors
Psychiatric Hospitals 82.B.1.c	Design Considerations	Clarification of areas to be secured from patient “access”
Appendix Table 4 Footnote 1	Air Movement from Room to Room	Restricts designs to provide either for positive or negative airflow in ventilation systems per Table 4
Appendix Table 5, Final Occupancy Check List Footnote 1	Installation, Maintenance and Testing of Receptacles	Summarizes requirements by Health Care Facilities Code, NFPA 99
Appendix Table 9	Clinical Water Temperatures	Changes Minimum Temperature to be in Accordance with Guidelines for the Design and Construction Health Care Facilities
Appendix Table 11	Medical Gas Requirements Examination/Treatment	Added Endoscopy per Section 53.D above