

16 January 2007

To: All Long Term Care Administrators  
All Hospital Administrators  
All Organized Ambulatory Care Facility Administrators  
All Approved Architects

Re: **Construction Plan Review and 2006 “Guidelines”**

Dear Administrator:

Effective January 1, 2007, the Department adopts the **2006** edition of the American Institute of Architects Academy (AIAA) “Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospital and Health Care Facilities for all licensed facilities where the current regulations for Hospitals<sup>1</sup>, Nursing Facilities<sup>2</sup>, and Outpatient Ambulatory Care Facilities<sup>3</sup> stipulate, by reference, compliance with the 2001 edition of the “Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospital and Health Care Facilities.” All new plans for new construction, or the renovation, alteration, extension, modification or conversion of an existing facility or units within the facility are to meet the 2006 AIAA guidelines. Additionally the phrase, “..reviewed by a licensed architect, acceptable to the Director of Health” as indicated in the Hospital, Nursing Facilities, and Outpatient Ambulatory Care Facilities regulations, is hereafter defined as any architect with a current RI registration number and working under a current RI Certificate of Authorization. A separate listing will no longer be posted on the Facilities Regulation webpage.

The Division of Health Services Regulation will change the noted regulations to comport with that policy decision as they come up for amendment. For questions or clarifications regarding this decision, please contact:

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If you are aggrieved by this decision and wish to appeal, please notify this office in writing, within ten days upon receipt of this notice, of your request for hearing.

Sincerely,



Raymond Rusin, Chief  
Office of Facilities Regulation

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<sup>1</sup> Rules and Regulations for Licensing Hospitals R23-17-HOSP: §53.1, Reference 17

<sup>2</sup> Rules and Regulations for Licensing of Nursing Facilities R23-17-NF: §38.1, Reference 15

<sup>3</sup> Rules and Regulations for the Licensing of Organized Ambulatory Care Facilities R23-17-OACF: §21.1, Reference 8