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WHA Calendar:

WHA Board Meeting
Casper 5/15

Trustee Educational Program
Casper 5/16

Other Events:

AHA Annual Meeting
Washington, DC 5/4-5/7

Western Regional Trustee Symposium
Henderson, NV 6/11-6/13



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CMS Proposes Adoption of Updated Life Safety Code

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced a proposed rule on the adoption of updated life safety code (LSC) that CMS would use in its ongoing work to ensure the health and safety of all patients, family and staff in every provider and supplier setting. The updated code contains new provisions that are vital to the health and safety of all patients and staff.

A key priority of CMS is to ensure that patients and staff continue to experience the highest degree of safety possible, including fire safety. CMS intends to adopt the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) 2012 editions of the (LSC) and the Health Care Facilities Code (HCFC).

This would reduce burden on health care providers, as the 2012 edition of the LSC also is aligned with the international building codes and would make compliance across codes much simpler for Medicare and Medicaid-participating facilities.

Currently, CMS applies the standards set out in the 2000 edition of the LSC to facilities in order to ensure patients' and caregivers' health and safety.

CMS is now proposing to adopt the 2012 editions of the LSC and the Health Care

Facilities Code. The LSC sets out fire safety requirements for new and existing buildings, and is issued by the NFPA, a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to reducing loss of life due to fire.

The Health Care Facilities Code contains more detailed provisions specific to health care and ambulatory care facilities.

Adoption of this code would provide minimum requirements for the installation, inspection, testing, maintenance, performance, and safe practices of health care facility materials, equipment and appliances.

The new edition of the LSC applies to: hospitals, long term care facilities (LTC), critical access hospitals (CAHs), Programs for All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), religious non-medical healthcare institutions (RNHCIs), hospice inpatient facilities, ambulatory surgical centers (ASCs), and intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF-IIDs).

Adoption of the new LSC for Health Care Facilities Code (applicable to hospitals, LTC facilities, CAHs, Hospice inpatient facilities, PACE, RNHCIs) would make the following changes:

- Would allow facilities to increase suite sizes;
- Would require all high-rise buildings over 75' are required to be fully sprinklered within 12 years;
- Would allow controlled access doors to prevent wandering patients;
- Would address issues of alcohol based hand rub dispensers in corridors and patient rooms;
- Would require a fire watch (The assignment of a person or persons to an area for the express purpose of notifying appropriate people during an emergency) or building evacuation if a sprinkler system is out of service for more than 4 hours; and
- Would require smoke control in anesthetizing locations.

The proposed rule is currently on display at <http://ofr.gov/inspection.aspx> and will be published in the April 16, 2014 Federal Register.

The deadline to submit comments is June, 16, 2014.

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Don't forget to send us a story about your hospital so we can feature you in our Member Spotlight



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West Park Hospital Launches New Website

The new West Park Hospital (WPH) website is both user-friendly and interactive.

Under the Resources tab are a variety of helpful items. There are several e-newsletters including keeping well, pregnancy and new parent. There is also an up-to-date calendar with classes and events such as aquatic therapy and first aid/CPR.

Health Interactive provides quizzes to learn about everything from ADHD to wound care.

View one of the more than 20 available slideshows of topics such as safe grilling, aging myths or alcohol

and the body.

There are also assessments on depression, skin cancer risk or headaches, or use the calculator to find out your BMI, the cost of smoking or daily calorie needs.

Under Patients and Visitors, you are provided with information on financial services and assistance, health information management, the Planetree Health Resources Center and Health Insurance Marketplace.

People can send a greeting card to a patient and have it delivered to them.

New parents can also share pictures of their baby

through the Web Nursery.

WPH's cafeteria and cafes offer a variety of fresh dishes made from scratch daily. You can view the weekly menu and see some of the tasty dishes available.

Eventually the page will include recipes from the cafeteria and café menus.

The site also will connect to the Patient Portal, which will give patients access to a variety of records, including personal health information and attest results.

The WPH website is www.westparkhospital.org

WCAHN Provides Billing, Coding Training

The Wyoming Critical Access Hospital Network (WCAHN) has engaged Amy Hayes, owner of The Office Assistant, LLC, to provide targeted billing and coding training for members of the Network.

The training has been an element of the annual WCAHN work plan for the last few years and is funded through the federal Flex

grant. As a result, it is available to Network members at no cost.

The training is designed to be specific to each hospital and their unique issues. For the current grant year, the training is available for up to 8 hospitals.

Targeted training will be provided beginning in May and will conclude by the end of August.

Five critical access hospitals have already committed to participate in the training.

If you are interested in having Amy work with your hospital, please contact Steve Bahmer as soon as possible at steve@wyohospitals.com.

Submit Videos to AHA's 'My Hospital' Campaign

The American Hospital Association (AHA) recently launched a digital video campaign highlighting the importance of hospitals in their communities.

The AHA encourages members to submit videos to the campaign using Instagram and other mobile video applications that are

shareable through Twitter.

AHA will promote the videos during its annual meeting May 4-7 in Washington, D.C., and share them on Facebook and through social media, tagging respective elected representatives for each hospital that participates.

For more information, including participation instructions and a sample script, visit www.aha.org/myhospital.

