

CHAPTER 43C

AMBULATORY CARE FACILITIES, PUBLIC HEALTH CENTERS, HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS AND REHABILITATION FACILITIES

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(a) The following requirements for construction and licensing will apply to the facilities listed below:

1. Ambulatory care facilities;
2. Public health care centers;
3. Health maintenance organizations.

(b) Health maintenance organizations may provide one or all of the services listed below. If some of the services provided are located in a hospital or other licensed health facility, then the licensure standards for that facility shall apply. If the health maintenance organization provides any or all of the following services in their own facility, then the physical plant requirements noted in subsection (e) of this Section shall apply:

1. Physician services (including consultations and referral services by a physician)—(Administration);
2. Medically necessary emergency health services—(Administration and clinical);
3. Medical treatment and referral services (including referral services to appropriate ancillary services) for the abuse of or addiction of alcohol and drugs (Administration and clinical);
4. Diagnostic laboratory and diagnostic and therapeutic radiologic services—(Administration and Diagnostic);
5. Preventive health services (including voluntary family planning services, infertility services, preventive dental care for children, and children's eye examination conducted to determine the need for vision correction)—(Administration and clinical, if part of program);

6. Short-term (not to exceed 20 visits), outpatient evaluation and crisis intervention mental health services—(Administration and clinical, if part of program).

(c) A narrative program is required for each construction project for architectural and planning review which will describe functional space requirements, staffing patterns, services, interdepartmental relationships and other basic information relating to the objectives and operations of the facility.

(d) The health facilities listed in subsection (a) of this Section shall describe the services, and the physical areas where the services will be provided, in their program narrative and shall indicate the manner and location in which the needed services which may not be on the premises will be made available.

(e) Each physical services area wherein the services described in the program narrative are to be provided shall meet as a minimum the requirements outlined in Public Health Services Publication HRA-74-4000 Section 9 outpatient facilities and the appropriate section of the Life Safety Code 101-NFPA (21st Ed. 1967).

(f) The following sections of HRA-74-4000 will be applicable to the service functions indicated:

1. Administration—Sections 9.1, 9.2, 9.5, 9.6, 9.7, 9.8 and 9.9;
2. Clinical services—Sections 9.1, 9.3, 9.5, 9.6, 9.7, 9.8, 9.9 and 9.10;
3. Diagnostic services—Sections 9.1, 9.4, 9.5, 9.6, 9.7, 9.8, 9.9, 9.10, 9.11 and 9.12.

(g) The following sections of the Life Safety Code 101-NFPA (21st Ed. 1967) will be applicable to the service functions indicated:

1. Administration—Sections 13-1, 13-11, 13-12 and 13-13;
2. Clinical services—Sections 13-1, 13-11, 13-12 (with the exception of 13-1231) and 13-13;
3. Diagnostic services—Sections 13-1, 13-11, 13-12 (with the exception of 13-1231) and 13-13.

(h) Rehabilitation services may be provided in hospitals, outpatient clinics, free-standing rehabilitation centers and other facilities designed to serve either single or multiple disability categories. The construction, physical plant and licensure standards of all types of rehabilitation facilities shall be in accordance with section 10 of the Minimum Requirements of Construction and Equipment for Hospitals and Medical Facilities HR-74-4000 as amended.

(i) With regard to subsections (f) through (h) of this Section, the State Commissioner of Health has the right to waive Sections of the regulations where, in the opinion of the commissioner, waivers of such regulations would not endanger the life, safety or health of the patients.

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See: 7 N.J.R. 312(b), 7 N.J.R. 416(b).