PURPOSE: To assure that the Hospital designs new construction, and maintains existing Environments of Care to comply with the 2000 edition *Life Safety Code* (NFPA 101), as well as the general design requirements of the Guidelines for Construction and Equipment of Hospitals and Medical Facilities (AIA) 2001.

SCOPE: Hospital, Ambulatory Surgery Center, and Ambulatory Care Pavilion

PROCEDURES:

I. Each building in which patients are housed or receive treatment will be designed and maintained to comply with the Life Safety Code, NFPA 101 – 2000.

II. Where deficiencies are identified they will be promptly corrected, or resolved by:

   A. A documented equivalency approved by the Joint Commission, or

   B. Continued progress in completing the approved Plan For Improvement (PFI) and complying with the time frames documented therein.

   C. A current, electronic Statement of Conditions (eSOC) compliance document maintained for Life Safety Code deficiencies and construction issues which will not be resolved within 45 days of identification.

III. Maintenance of Statement of Conditions.

   A. An inspection of the facilities covered by this policy shall be conducted annually in all health care occupancy locations, as defined by the Life Safety Code.

   B. Deficiencies noted will be entered in the physical plants work order system for correction.

   C. Any deficiency not corrected within 45 days, will be entered into the eSOC as a PFI, with a corresponding ILSM considered for implementation.
IV. Credentialing of the preparer of the SOC

A. The individual performing the physical survey of the facility must have an appropriate level of education or experience background. With either acceptable level however, there must be a working knowledge of both the buildings and Life Safety Code by the individual.

B. Acceptable educational backgrounds may include any one of the following academic studies:
   1. Engineering
   2. Fire Science
   3. Safety
   4. Architecture

C. Acceptable experience includes a history of the individual having performed physical surveys of the facility and conducting building evaluations for compliance with NFPA standards, to include, but limited to the following code references:
   1. NFPA 101
   2. NFPA 99
   3. NFPA 72
   4. NFPA 13

V. The resolution of Life Safety Code deficiencies shall be managed by Physical Plant Management who will keep the SOC preparer advised of work status.

VI. The Statement of Conditions does not apply to (and does not need to be maintained for) any occupancies that are classified as business occupancies under the Life Safety Code:

VII. Copies of any equivalencies that have been submitted to, or approved by the Joint Commission will be maintained with the Statement of Conditions, or will be kept where available if requested during a survey.

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RELATED FORMS:

RELATED DOCUMENTS: Statement of Conditions  
NFPA Life Safety Code 101  
AIA Guidelines for Construction and Equipment of Hospitals and Medical Facilities