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**Source**

The provisions of this Chapter 571 adopted January 23, 1987, effective March 25, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 376, unless otherwise noted.

**Cross References**

This chapter cited in 28 Pa. Code § 567.43 (relating to ventilation system).

**GENERAL PROVISIONS****§ 571.1. Minimum standards.**

ASF construction shall be in accordance with the latest edition of the “Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospital and Health Care Facilities,” as published by the American Institute of Architects/Academy of Architecture for Health including those guidelines established for various outpatient facilities. In the alternative, a facility shall meet the construction guidelines for specified types of surgical procedures as listed in Appendix A (relating to alternative construction guidelines). Where renovation or replacement work is performed within an existing facility, all new work or additions shall comply with the requirements for new construction.

**Source**

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**§ 571.2. Modifications to HHS requirements.**

(a) Life Safety Code means the standard as defined in § 569.2 (relating to fire safety standards).

(b) Adequate storage areas shall be provided to meet the needs of the facility.

(c) Patient privacy shall be provided in preoperative and postoperative areas.

(d) In multistory buildings, where the ASF may be provided on floors other than at grade level, at least one hospital type elevator shall be provided.

(e) Elevators shall conform to “HHS Requirements” and the latest edition of the “American National Standard Safety Code for Elevators, Dumbwaiters, Escalators and Moving Stairs.”

(f) The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) (42 U.S.C.A. §§ 12101—12213).

**Source**

The provisions of this § 571.2 amended October 22, 1999, effective November 22, 1999, 29 Pa.B. 5583. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (256600).

**SUBMISSION OF PLANS****§ 571.11. Principle.**

Plans and specifications shall be submitted to the Division of Safety Inspection of the Department for approval prior to construction of an ASF, in accordance with § 51.5 (relating to building occupancy). Submission shall be in three stages.

**Source**

The provisions of this § 571.11 amended October 22, 1999, effective November 22, 1999, 29 Pa.B. 5583. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (256600).

**§ 571.12. Submission stages.**

(a) *First stage.* One copy of the narrative description and one copy of the schematic drawings shall be provided.

(1) *Program narrative.*

(i) List in outline form the rooms or spaces to be included in each department, explaining the functions or services to be provided in each, indicating the approximate size, the number of personnel and the kind of equipment or furniture it will contain. Note special or unusual services or equipment to be included in the facility.

(ii) Give an outline of construction materials.

(2) *Schematic plans.*

(i) Single line drawings of each floor shall show the relationship of the various departments or services to each other and the room arrangement in each department. The name of each room shall be noted. The proposed roads and walks, service and entrance courts, parking and orientation may be

shown on either a small plot plan or the first floor plan. A simple vertical space diagram shall be submitted at this stage.

(ii) If the project is an addition or is otherwise related to existing buildings on the site, the plans shall show the facilities and general arrangement of those buildings.

(b) *Second stage.* Two copies of the preliminary plans shall be provided.

(1) *Architectural.*

(i) One-eighth inch scale floor plans of basement, floors and roof showing space assignment, sizes and outline of fixed and movable equipment.

(ii) Elevations and typical wall sections.

(iii) Plot plan showing roads, parking and sidewalks.

(2) *Mechanical.*

(i) Single line layouts of duct and piping systems which include air rates for determining pressure relationships.

(ii) Riser diagrams for multi-story construction.

(3) *Electrical.*

(i) Plans showing space assignment, sizes and outline of fixed equipment, such as transformers, main switch and switchboards and generator sets.

(ii) Simple riser diagram for multi-story building construction showing arrangement of feeders, subfeeders, bus work, load centers and branch circuit panels.

(c) *Third stage—contract documents.* Four sets of drawings shall be provided, complete and adequate for bid contract and construction purposes. Drawings shall be prepared for each of the following branches of work: architectural, structural, mechanical and electrical.

(1) Drawings may be no less than 1/8 inch scale and show indications of fixed and movable equipment.

(2) If necessary, 1/4 inch scale drawing shall be included.

(3) Fire-rated assemblies, such as U.L., Factory Mutual and the like—shall be included on the drawings.

(4) Specifications shall supplement the drawings to fully describe the types, sizes, capacities, workmanship, finishes and other characteristics of materials and equipment.

### § 571.13. [Reserved].

#### Source

The provisions of this § 571.13 reserved October 22, 1999, effective November 22, 1999, 29 Pa.B. 5583. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (256601).

**APPENDIX A. ALTERNATIVE CONSTRUCTION GUIDELINES****ENDOSCOPY**

- 1) Office Endoscopy, edited by Bergein F. Overholt and Sarkis J. Chobanian.
- 2) Planning an Endoscopy Suite for Office and Hospital, by Jerome D. Waye and Martin E. Rich.

**Source**

The provisions of this Appendix A adopted October 22, 1999, effective November 22, 1999, 29 Pa.B. 5583.

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