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Hospice News: New Fire Safety Requirements Hit Hospices This Summer

Check Medicare's latest fire safety requirements to see whether your hospice inpatient facility may be affected.

The **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid** Services issued a final rule on the requirements in the May 4 Federal Register. The rule, effective July 5, adopts the 2012 Life Safety Code requirements issued by the **National Fire Protection Association** for a number of facilities including hospices.

Revision: The requirement for window sills to be no higher than 36 inches above the floor is for new constructions only, CMS clarifies in the final rule at <https://federalregister.gov/a/2016-10043>.

Do this: "Providers should monitor how state surveyors interpret and apply the Final Rule," advises law firm **Hall Render** in analysis.