

Certificate of Need Bulletin 001

Guidance regarding compliance with Certificate of Need Standard 1.12 of the 2009 Health Resource Allocation Plan

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide guidance to Certificate of Need (CON) applicants on compliance with CON Standard 1.12 of the 2009 Health Resource Allocation Plan (HRAP).

Pursuant to state law, a CON may not be granted by the Board unless the applicant’s proposed project is consistent with the appropriate allocation of health care resources as identified in the HRAP. *See* 18 V.S.A. § 9437(1)(C). The HRAP includes a number of general CON Standards, including CON Standard 1.12. Standard 1.12 states: “New construction health care projects shall comply with the Guidelines for Construction and Equipment of Hospital and Medical Facilities as issued by the American Institute of Architects (AIA).” No such guidelines are currently issued by the AIA; therefore in order to meet CON Standard 1.12, CON applicants must demonstrate that new construction and renovation health care projects subject to the Board’s jurisdiction comply with the Facility Guidelines Institute’s (FGI) most recent guidelines for hospitals and health care facilities.

At the time of this bulletin, the FGI’s most recent guidelines (the 2018 Edition of the Guidelines) consist of three documents: *Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospitals*; *Guidelines for Design and Construction of Outpatient Facilities* and *Guidelines for Design and Construction of Residential Health, Care and Support Facilities*. Applicants should contact the Board to confirm which of these three guidelines apply to the proposed project prior to submitting their applications to the Board.

Questions regarding this bulletin and CON Standards generally should be directed to Donna Jerry, GMCB Senior Health Policy Analyst.

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