

on treatment of emergency patients, and refer patients to the CAH or other appropriate locations for treatment.

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**§ 485.620 Condition of participation: Number of beds and length of stay.**

(a) *Standard: Number of beds.* Except as permitted for CAHs having swing-bed agreements under § 485.645 of this chapter, the CAH maintains no more than 15 inpatient beds.

(b) *Standard: Length of stay.* The CAH provides acute inpatient care for a period that does not exceed, on an annual average basis, 96 hours per patient.

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**§ 485.623 Condition of participation: Physical plant and environment.**

(a) *Standard: Construction.* The CAH is constructed, arranged, and maintained to ensure access to and safety of patients, and provides adequate space for the provision of direct services.

(b) *Standard: Maintenance.* The CAH has housekeeping and preventive maintenance programs to ensure that—

(1) All essential mechanical, electrical, and patient-care equipment is maintained in safe operating condition;

(2) There is proper routine storage and prompt disposal of trash;

(3) Drugs and biologicals are appropriately stored;

(4) The premises are clean and orderly; and

(5) There is proper ventilation, lighting, and temperature control in all pharmaceutical, patient care, and food preparation areas.

(c) *Standard: Emergency procedures.* The CAH assures the safety of patients in non-medical emergencies by—

(1) Training staff in handling emergencies, including prompt reporting of fires, extinguishing of fires, protection and, where necessary, evacuation of patients, personnel, and guests, and cooperation with fire fighting and disaster authorities;

(2) Providing for emergency power and lighting in the emergency room and for battery lamps and flashlights in other areas;

(3) Providing for an emergency fuel and water supply; and

(4) Taking other appropriate measures that are consistent with the particular conditions of the area in which the CAH is located.

(d) *Standard: Life safety from fire—*(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (d)(2) and (d)(3) of this section, the CAH must meet the requirements of chapter 12, New Health Care Occupancy, or chapter 13, Existing Health Care Occupancy, of the 1985 edition of the Life Safety Code of the National Fire Protection Association. Incorporation by reference of the 1985 edition of the National Fire Protection Association's Life Safety Code (published February 7, 1985; ANSI/NFPA 101) was approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. The Code is available for inspection at the HCFA Information Resource Center, 7500 Security Boulevard, Room C2-07-13, Central Building, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850, and the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC. Copies may be obtained from the National Fire Protection Association, Batterymarch Park, Quincy, Mass. 02209. If any changes in this code are also to be incorporated by reference, a document to that effect will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(2) Any CAH that as a hospital on or before November 26, 1982, complied, with or without waivers, with the requirements of the 1967 edition of the Life Safety Code, or after November 26, 1982 and on or before May 9, 1988, complied with the 1981 edition of the Life Safety Code, is considered to be in compliance with this standard as long as the CAH continues to remain in compliance with that edition of the Code. The 1967 and 1981 Life Safety Codes are available for inspection at the HCFA Information Resource Center, 7500 Security Boulevard, Room C2-07-13, Central Building, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

(3) After consideration of State survey agency findings, HCFA may waive specific provisions of the Life Safety Code that, if rigidly applied, would result in unreasonable hardship on the CAH, but only if the waiver does not