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NFPA 101 Life Safety Code: Healthcare Survey Field Sheet

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1. CMS Federal Adoption & Occupancy Chapters (2012 Editions)

Provider / Occupancy	CFR / Chapters	Key Federal Rule & Scope
Hospitals	42 CFR 482.41(b)-(c) | Ch. 18/19	NFPA 101-2012 (TIAs 12-1 to 12-4) & NFPA 99-2012 (TIAs 12-2 to 12-6; Ch. 7, 8, 12, 13 excluded). Effective July 5, 2016.
Long-Term Care (SNF/NF)	42 CFR 483.90(a)-(b) | Ch. 18/19	NFPA 101-2012 + TIAs; NFPA 99-2012 + TIAs; 2001 FSES mandatory values option for qualifying existing facilities.
Ambulatory Surgical Centers	42 CFR 416.44(b)-(c) | Ch. 20/21	Ambulatory Health Care Occupancy provisions regardless of patient count; NFPA 99-2012.
CAH / Hospice / PACE / RNHCI	485.623 / 418.110 / 460.72 / 403.744	NFPA 101-2012 + TIAs. Other campus chapters: 32/33 Board & Care (<=16 small), 38/39 Business, 12/13 Assembly, 14/15 Educational.

2. Key Survey Thresholds (Form CMS-2786R K-Tags & CoPs)

K-Tag / Rule	Feature	Verified Threshold / Requirement
K232 / K233	Corridors & Doors	Corridors: 8 ft (new hospital/SNF), 6 ft (new limited care/psych), 4 ft (existing). Doors: 41.5 in (new patient movement), 32 in (existing).
K241 / K251	Exits & Dead Ends	>= 2 remote exits per story; 2 distinct egress paths per smoke compartment. Dead-end corridor max 30 ft; common path max 100 ft (new).
K371 / K372 / K374	Smoke Compartments	Max 22,500 sq ft and 200 ft travel distance; >= 2 compartments on sleeping floors w/ 30+ beds (existing) or 50+ occupants (new). Barrier: 1/2-hr existing / 1-hr new. Doors: 20-min or 1-3/4 in solid-bonded core wood.
K363 / 482.41(b)(1)	Corridor Doors	Positive latching required (roller latches prohibited); bottom gap <= 1 in; nothing impeding closure.
K354 / K346	System Outages	Sprinkler out > 10 hr -> evacuate or fire watch (482.41(b)(8)). Fire alarm out > 4 hr in 24 hr -> notify AHJ + evacuate or fire watch.
K291 / K918	Emergency Power	Emergency lighting >= 1.5 hr (JC monthly 30-sec test). Generators: weekly inspect, 30 min load 12x/yr (20-40d), 4 hr / 36 mo, 10 sec transfer.
K712 / 482.41(b)(9)	Drills & Windows	Fire drills quarterly per shift (9 PM-6 AM coded allowed). Sleeping-room window sill <= 36 in (post-July 5, 2016).
K521 / PE.03.02.01	High-Rise & ILSM	Existing high-rise full sprinklering within 12 yrs of July 5, 2016 (July 2028). JC Accreditation 360 (Jan 1, 2026): PE.03.01.01 (LSC), PE.03.02.01 (ILSM).

Field-reference notice: Values above are verified against primary standards cited on the source guide as of November 22, 2026. Confirm local AHJ, state licensure, and facility IC/life-safety policy before execution.