

**Notice of Change
to the September 7, 2001 Proposed Changes to the Florida Building Code
November 6, 2001**

Chapter 1, Administration:

Section 104.5.4 Work starting before permit issuance is added to read as follows:

Upon approval of the building official, the scope of work delineated in the building permit application and plans may be started prior to the final approval and issuance of the permit provided any work completed is entirely at risk of the permit applicant and the work does not proceed past the first required inspection.

Section 104.6.2 Work commencing before permit issuance is amended to read:

Any person who commences any work on a building, structure, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system before obtaining the building official's approval or the necessary permits shall be subject to a penalty of 100 percent of the usual permit fee in addition to the required permit fees.

Chapter 4, Special Occupancy:

Section 412, title, is amended to read as follows:

**SECTION 412
~~SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR GROUP B AND GROUP R~~ HIGH RISE BUILDINGS**

Sections 427.1, 427.3.2.11, 427.2 are amended to read as follows:

427.1 Public Mental Health Crisis Stabilization Units and Short-Term Residential Treatment Facilities

427.1.1 Scope. Crisis stabilization units and short-term residential treatment facilities shall comply with the following design and construction standards as described in this section Chapter 65E-12 Florida Administrative Code.

Note: Other administrative and programmatic provisions may apply. See Department of Children and Family Services Health [DCFS DOH] Rule 65E-12, Florida Administrative Code, and Chapter 394, Florida Statutes.

427.1.3.2.11. k.

All CSUs shall be locked facilities and, to the maximum extent practical, provide a locked perimeter around a living unit and fenced exercise area within which individuals can reside 24-hours-a-day in an environment designed to minimize potential for injury. Where this is not possible, operational compensation shall be made as follows: ~~specified in section 65E-12.107(7), of this rule.~~

1. Each person receiving services shall be provided a minimum of 175 square feet of usable client space within the CSU. Useable client space is the sum, in gross square feet, of all rooms, interior wall to interior wall, that are part of a CSU and SRT facility. Mechanical and electrical rooms, administrative and staff offices, screening areas, nurses' stations, visitor and reception areas, crawl space and attic space are excluded. Bedrooms shall be spacious and attractive, and activity rooms or space shall be provided.

2. CSU facilities shall be locked to provide reasonable control over access to and egress from the unit, recreational area, and emergency reception areas. When individuals are moved to other areas, the pathways shall also be locked or have adequate control provisions to prevent elopement. Such controlled passageways shall include access to the emergency reception area, unit proper, off unit doorways, and recreational areas.

3. All unit door locks shall employ a common key for rapid access in emergency situations with quick releasing or single-turn mechanisms.

427.2 Community Mental Health Regulation. Adult Residential Treatment Facilities (RTFs) shall be limited to adults and comply with the regulations in sections 427.2.1 through 427.2.4.

Note: Other administrative and programmatic provisions may apply. See Department of Children and Family Services [DCFS] Rule 65E-4.016, Florida Administrative Code, and Chapter 394, Florida Statutes.

Section 428.3.2.2 is amended to read as follows:

428.3.2.2 With regard to components, observe the manufacture of the first unit assembled subsequent to the plan approval or the selection of the agency, whichever occurs last, from start to finish, inspecting all subsystems thereof. Continual observation and inspection shall continue until the third party agency determines that the implementation of the manufacturer's quality control program in conjunction with application of the approved plans and specifications and the manufacturer's capabilities result in a component that meets or exceeds the codes and standards adopted herein. Thereafter, the Third Party Agency shall inspect not less than fifty percent (50%) of the manufactured building components or twenty percent (20%) of storage sheds that are not designed for human habitation and that have a floor area of 720 square feet or less manufactured pursuant to the approved plan.

Chapter 11, Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction:

Changes to chapter 11, Accessibility Code for Building Construction:

Part A:

Fig. 30(e) - on both diagrams, change the 32" minimum clear width of the doors to reflect measurement between the face of the door and the opposite stop, rather than measurement between the outside of the door and the opposite stop.

Part C:

Request for Waiver from Accessibility Requirements -

1. In the List of Required Information, change 1.b. as follows:
24" x 36" minimum Full size floor plan(s)
2. Delete 6. and 7. from the List of Required Information

Chapter 13, Energy Efficiency:

See attached files for revised Energy Code Compliance Forms 600-01 North, Central, and South in Appendix D. Changes shall be made to the FLA/RES computer program which generates an equivalent of the completed forms.