



ATTACHMENT TO CO APPLICATION
Ambulatory Health Care Facility
Statement of Disclosure
For all Medical Outpatient Related Uses
Effective May 24, 2012

The 2009 Edition of the International Building Code provides for a new definition for the use **"Ambulatory Health Care Facility"** as follows:

AMBULATORY HEALTH CARE FACILITY. Buildings or portions thereof used to provide medical, surgical, psychiatric, nursing or similar care on a less than 24-hour basis to individuals who are rendered incapable of self-preservation. This group may include but not necessarily be limited to the following: Dialysis centers, Sedation dentistry, Surgery centers, Colonic centers and Psychiatric centers.

The code also outlines new life safety requirements for an **"Ambulatory Health Care Facility"** as indicated on the attached page (Section 422). A threshold number of individuals rendered incapable of self-preservation may trigger a fire sprinkler requirement and other life safety requirements prior to the Certificate of Occupancy (CO) being issued.

A new tenant must execute this form attesting to any pre-existing conditions and facts pertaining to the business model with any CO application for any doctor's office, dentist office or other medical office. The code requirements are prospective for any new **"Ambulatory Health Care Facility"** or for any newly expanded **"Ambulatory Health Care Facility."** The code requirements do not affect legal existing businesses that may undergo a name change or new owner. This form will capture the nonconforming elements of the building code with the CO application. The existing statements will become conditions on any approved COs. Any change in the use of the business, such as a change in the number of persons/patients affected by treatment that may cause the code requirements to be triggered, may result in the loss of a CO.

If your tenant space is located on the ground floor and you are a **"New Tenant," "Existing Business/New Owner,"** or **"Same Business Owner/New Business Name"** that will utilize medical procedures that (*check only one*):

- will **not** render any person or patient incapable of self-preservation for any amount of time;
- will render a maximum number of persons or patients that may be incapable of self-preservation for any amount of time **not to exceed 3**; or,
- will render persons or patients incapable of self-preservation for any amount of time and the number of persons or patients that may be incapable of self-preservation for any amount of time **will exceed 3**.

If your tenant space is **not** located on the ground floor and you are a **"New Tenant," "Existing Business/New Owner,"** or **"Same Business Owner/New Business Name"** will utilize medical procedures that (*check only one*):

- will **not** render any person or patient incapable of self-preservation for any amount of time; or,
- will render **one** or more patients incapable of self-preservation for any amount of time

I certify that the location of the CO application is: _____ Ste _____ (*address*). I attest that the answer provided is accurate and understand that if changes are made to increase the number of patients that could be rendered incapable of self preservation the facility must be made to comply with the adopted code.

Printed Name

Date

Signature

Excerpted from the 2009 Edition of the *International Building Code*:
SECTION 422 - AMBULATORY HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

422.1 General. Occupancies classified as Group B ambulatory health care facilities shall comply with the provisions of Sections 422.1 through 422.6 and other applicable provisions of this code.

422.2 Smoke barriers. Smoke barriers shall be provided to subdivide every ambulatory care facility greater than 10,000 square feet (929 m²) into a minimum of two smoke compartments per story. The travel distance from any point in a smoke compartment to a smoke barrier door shall not exceed 200 feet (60 960 mm). The smoke barrier shall be installed in accordance with Section 710.

422.3 Refuge area. At least 30 net square feet (2.8 m²) per nonambulatory patient shall be provided within the aggregate area of corridors, patient rooms, treatment rooms, lounge or dining areas and other low-hazard areas on each side of each smoke barrier.

422.4 Independent egress. A means of egress shall be provided from each smoke compartment created by smoke barriers without having to return through the smoke compartment from which means of egress originated.

422.5 Automatic sprinkler systems. Automatic sprinkler systems shall be provided for ambulatory care facilities in accordance with Section 903.2.2.

[F] 903.2.2 Group B ambulatory health care facilities. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed throughout all fire areas containing a Group B ambulatory health care facility occupancy when either of the following conditions exists **at any time**:

1. **Four or more care recipients** are incapable of self-preservation.
2. **One or more care recipients** who are incapable of self-preservation are located at **other than the level of exit discharge** (*2nd floor*) serving such occupancy.

422.6 Fire alarm systems. A fire alarm system shall be provided in accordance with Section 907.2.2.1.

[F] 907.2.2 Group B. A manual fire alarm system shall be installed in Group B occupancies where one of the following conditions exists:

3. The Group B fire area contains a Group B ambulatory health care facility.

[F] 907.2.2.1 Group B ambulatory health care facilities. Fire areas containing Group B ambulatory health care facilities shall be provided with an electronically supervised **automatic smoke detection system** installed within the ambulatory health care facility and in public use areas outside of tenant spaces, including public corridors and elevator lobbies.

Exception: Buildings equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1, provided the occupant notification appliances will activate throughout the notification zones upon sprinkler waterflow.