**CODE FORMAT INDEPENDENCE?**

As of March 15, 2012, everyone is required to comply with two standards, the 2010 ADA Standard and the 2010 CBC. On July 1, 2013, the new 2013 CBC will be approved, printed and available to purchase. It is not enforceable until January 1, 2014. Very soon!

A few things to know about state access code change:

- 2013 CBC Chapter 11B (not chapters 10 or 11A) is reorganizing the entire chapter!! Everything you might be learning about the accessibility section: titles, locations and number references will all move to a new section that matches the 2010 ADA Standard model. For example, Signage: CBC 1117B.5 will now be 11B-703.
- Yes, the California more stringent requirements are inserted into the Federal format and will not diminish accessibility requirements in California as we know them today.

Please don’t let this discourage you from learning 2010 CBC 11B, as that code criteria is not going away only merging with the 2010 ADA Standard.

We recommend familiarizing yourself with the 2010 ADA Standard format, as 2013 CBC chapter 11B is a close match:


In addition to Chapter 11B, CBC Chapter 10 contains relevant accessibility code sections for signage and evacuation assistance for wheelchairs. Also, Chapter 2 has the definitions for ‘technically infeasible’ and ‘unreasonable hardship’. These chapters’ format however will not change.

For questions or further discussions, please make an appointment during Terry Salo’s open hours: Tuesdays 9:00am to 12:00pm and Thursdays 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

Email your appointment request to FPDPAC@sutterhealth.org.

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**ACCESSIBILITY PLAN REVIEW UPDATE**

The number of projects being submitted for Accessibility Plan Review continue to increase. This is a huge success to the program and it confirms that everyone is doing their part to prevent building new barriers.

Last month we addressed the importance of addressing all applicable codes in project design.

This month in an effort to expedite our intake process we are including a list of general drawings and specification requirements for accessibility review. (See Project Submittal List to the left) Upon receipt of completed application and relevant documentation, the 3rd party reviewers will generate a proposal for Affiliate’s approval. The 3rd party reviewers will initiate the review immediately upon proposal acceptance and Notice to Proceed.

It is our goal to bring all submitted projects to full resolution prior to the start of construction and ultimately prior to the receipt of Substantial Completion, as failure to do so will increase the monitoring requirements.

We welcome and appreciate your input and assistance!