

204.2 Building plans

(a)

A licensee or prospective licensee shall submit its plans for construction, alteration or renovation to the department. The Department will post instructions for submissions on its public web site.

(b)

A licensee or prospective licensee shall have the opportunity to present and discuss with the Department its purposes and plans concerning the requested changes indicated on architectural plans submitted under § 51.3(d) (relating to notification). If differences occur and cannot be resolved, an administrative hearing may be sought under 1 Pa. Code Part II (relating to General Rules of Administrative Practice and Procedure).

(c)

Construction, alteration or renovation approved by the Department shall begin within 2 years of the Department's approval and shall be completed within 5 years of the Department's approval.

(d)

A facility may seek an extension of the time periods under subsection (c) for beginning or completing an approved construction, alteration or renovation by written request to the Department. The Department may approve an extension for good cause shown.

(e)

A facility shall obtain approval from the Department before using an area of the facility for resident care when that area has not been occupied or used by residents for 1 year or more.