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Division 5@ Licensing and Certification of Health Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Clinics, and Referral Agencies

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Section 79819@ Alterations to Existing Buildings or New Construction

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(a)

Alterations to existing buildings licensed as correctional treatment centers or new construction shall be in conformance with Chapter 10F, Part 2, Title 24, California Code of Regulations, other applicable sections of the California Building Standards Code, and the requirements of the State Fire Marshal.

(b)

Facilities licensed or subject to licensure and in operation prior to the effective date of Title 24 regulations for correctional treatment centers shall not be required to institute corrective alternatives or construction to comply with such new requirements except where specifically required or where the Department determines that a definite hazard to health and safety exists. Any facility for which preliminary or working drawings and specifications have been approved by the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development prior to the effective date of changes to construction regulations shall not be required to comply with such new requirements provided substantial actual construction is commenced within one year of the effective date of the new requirements.

(c)

Patients and/or correctional treatment center services shall not occupy buildings or spaces which have been remodeled or newly constructed without the written

approval of the Department.

(d)

The correctional treatment center shall maintain in operating condition all buildings, fixed equipment, utilities and spaces in the numbers and types as specified in the construction requirements under which the facility or unit was first licensed, unless the correctional treatment center has made alterations in compliance with subsequent requirements.