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Title 22@ Social Security

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Chapter 12@ Postsurgical Recovery Care Demonstration Project

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Article 8@ Physical Plant

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Section 97570.1@ Physical Plant and Spatial Standards

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Each freestanding Postsurgical Recovery Care Facility shall comply with the building standards for skilled nursing facilities found in chapter 2-10B of part 2 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, and those provisions of Parts 3, 4, and 5 of Title 24 made applicable to skilled nursing facilities by chapter 2-10B, with the following exceptions:

(a)

The isolation room or rooms otherwise required in nursing service space by sections 2-1004 B(a) and 2-1015A(f) need not be provided.

(b)

The activity program space otherwise required in nursing service space by section 2-1007 B need not be provided.

(c)

The exception under section 2-1011(b) otherwise applicable to acute care facilities shall be applicable to a Postsurgical Recovery Care Facility.

(d)

Air distribution system details shall conform to those standards required for skilled nursing facilities. However, for purposes of this chapter, section 4-2203(a) of part 4 of Title 24 shall be supplemented to include the following additional exception: The section 4-2103(a) requirement for continuous operation shall refer to air distribution zones continuously occupied. Independent air distribution zones which

will be entirely unoccupied for more than twelve continuous hours may operate at levels below minimums stated in Table 4-2203(a), and below minimum design temperatures, provided that the remaining zones, which are occupied, shall be maintained in full compliance with the Building Standards Code. Before re-occupancy, the zone must be stabilized at minimum standards for both Table 4-2203(a) and design temperature. Access to controls for air distribution systems shall be limited to authorized personnel.

(e)

Whenever there are practical difficulties involved in carrying out the requirements of this article, the Office may grant modifications for individual cases, provided the Office finds that a special individual reason makes the strict letter of the applicable provision of the State Building Standards Code impractical. Whenever a modification or waiver from a code requirement is granted, the reasons for granting the modification or waiver shall be recorded by the Office, as well as any substantiating justifications.