**Section 370.2210 Applicability of Standards**

a)

1) These standards shall apply to all new community living facilities and major alterations and additions to existing community living facilities. (Major alterations are those that are not defined as minor alterations in Section 370.2210(f) herein.) A permit from the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board is not required for Community Living Facilities.

2) Projects for which working drawings and specifications have received final approval by the Department prior to the promulgation of these Standards are subject only to those standards that were in effect at the time that final approval was given.

b) When construction is contemplated, either for new buildings or additions or major alterations to existing buildings coming within the scope of these standards, design development drawings and outline specifications shall be submitted to the Department for review. Approval of design development drawings and specifications shall be obtained from the Department prior to starting final working drawings and specifications. Comments or approval will be provided within thirty (30) days of receipt by the Department.

c) The final working drawings and specifications shall be submitted to the Department for review and approval prior to beginning of construction. For final approval to remain valid, contracts must be signed within one (1) year of the date of final approval. Alternate methods of design development and construction, such as fast track may be acceptable, subject to the approval of the Department. Comments or approval will be provided within thirty (30) days of receipt by the Department.

d) Any contract modifications which affect or change the function, design, or purpose of a facility shall be submitted to the Department for approval prior to authorizing the modifications. Comments or approval will be provided within thirty (30) days of receipt by the Department.

e) The Department shall be notified at least thirty (30) days before construction has been completed. The Department will then complete a final inspection. Deficiencies noted during the final inspection must be completed before occupancy will be allowed.

f) Minor alterations or remodeling changes which do not affect the structural integrity of the building, which do not change functional operation, which do not affect fire safety, and which do not add beds or facilities over those for which the community living facility is licensed need not be submitted for drawing approval.

g) No system of water supply, plumbing, sewage, garbage or refuse disposal shall be installed, nor any such existing system materially altered or extended until complete plans and specifications for the installation, alteration or extension have been submitted to the Department and have been reviewed and approved.