

## Ventilation for Ambulatory care facilities and Group I-2 occupancies

### 1. Revise IMC Section 401.2 as follows:

**401.2 Ventilation required.** Every occupied space shall be ventilated by natural means in accordance with Section 402 or by mechanical means in accordance with Section 403. *Dwelling units* complying with the air leakage requirements of the *International Energy Conservation Code* or ASHRAE 90.1 shall be ventilated by mechanical means in accordance with Section 403. Ambulatory care facilities and Group I-2 occupancies shall be ventilated ~~by mechanical means~~ in accordance with ~~Section 407~~ this code, ASHRAE/ASHE 170 and NFPA 99.

### 2. Delete Section 407 as follows:

#### ~~SECTION 407~~

#### ~~AMBULATORY CARE FACILITIES AND GROUP I-2 OCCUPANCIES~~

~~407.1 General. Mechanical ventilation for ambulatory care facilities and Group I-2 occupancies shall be designed and installed in accordance with this code, ASHRAE 170 and NFPA 99.~~

### 3. Fix the reference in Chapter 17 for the standard (which is ASHRAE/ASHE 170).

**Reason:** Currently, the code requires in Section 401.2 that ambulatory care facilities and Group I-2 occupancies are only to be ventilated by mechanical means. Both ASHRAE/ASHE 170 and NFPA 99 have been revised to permit ventilation by natural means under specific conditions. The ventilation for these facilities and occupancies are unique, which is why the references to both ASHRAE/ASHE 170 and NFPA 99. By requiring compliance in Section 401.2 to those two standards, Section 407 is not needed.

**Cost Impact:** Decrease. This proposal will allow for the ventilation of ambulatory care facilities and Group I-E occupancies to also be done by natural means.