# Kansas Administrative Regulations

## Department of Health and Environment

### Article 34.—Hospitals—Part 1. General.

**28-34-32b. Construction standards.**

(a) General provisions. All hospital construction, including new buildings and additions or alterations to existing buildings, shall be in accordance with the standards set forth in the American institute of architects academy of architecture for health, publication no. ISBN 1-55835-151-5, entitled "1996-97 guidelines for design and construction of hospital and health care facilities," copyrighted in 1996, and hereby adopted by reference.

(b) Construction plans and specifications.

(1) Plans and specifications for each new hospital and each alteration and addition to any existing hospital, other than minor alterations, shall be prepared by an architect licensed in Kansas. "Minor alterations" means those projects that meet the following conditions:

(A) Do not affect the structural integrity of the building;

(B) do not change functional operation;

(C) do not affect fire safety; and

(D) do not add beds or facilities over those for which the hospital is licensed.

(2) The preliminary plan, plans and specifications at the outline specification stage, and plans and specifications at the contract document stage shall be made available to the licensing agency upon request.

(3) The preliminary plans shall include the following:

(A) Sketch plans of the basement, each floor, and the roof, indicating the space assignment, size, and outline of fixed equipment;

(B) all elevations and typical sections;

(C) a plot plan showing roads and parking facilities; and

(D) areas and bed capacities by floors.

(4) The outline specifications shall consist of a general description of the construction, air conditioning, heating, and ventilation systems.

(5) Contract documents shall consist of working drawings that are complete and adequate for bidding, contract, and construction purposes. Specifications shall supplement the drawings to fully describe the types, sizes, capacities, workmanship, finishes, and other characteristics of all materials and equipment. Before commencing construction, the architect shall certify, in writing, to the agency that the contract documents are in compliance with subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this regulation. The written certification shall also include the following:

(A) The name of the facility;

(B) a narrative description of extent of the project;

(C) the physical location of the project;

(D) any change in room numbers and bed assignments; and

(E) the expected completion date of the project to the licensing agency, which shall be provided at least 30 days before the project completion date.

(c) The administrator of the facility shall notify the state fire marshal's office of all hospital construction, alterations, or additions at the preliminary planning stage.

(d) Access. Representatives of the licensing agency shall, at all reasonable times, have access to work in preparation or progress, and the contractor shall provide proper facilities for the access and inspection. A complete set of plans and specifications shall be available on the job site for use by licensing agency personnel.

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