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CMS Grants Extension and Clarification for Fire Door Inspections

In a memo issued on Friday, July 28, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has extended the compliance date for annual fire door inspections by 6 months. Full compliance with the fire door assembly inspection and testing in accordance with 2010 NFPA 80 is required by **January 1, 2018**. Letter [S&C 17-38-LSC](#) also clarifies that non-rated doors, including patient room and smoke barrier doors, are not required as part of the annual inspection in accordance with NFPA 80 and NFPA 105, but such doors should be routinely inspected as part of the facility maintenance program. The S&C Letter also clarifies that inspection of health care occupancy doors does not include the requirements in *NFPA 101*®, Section 7.2.1.15. This clarification eliminates the need to test additional doors (for example, electrically controlled egress doors), unless those doors are also fire doors.

If you need assistance completing the inspections or would like training for in-house staff regarding the inspections, please contact us!

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