

NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

MEMORANDUM

TO: Hospital, Nursing Facility, and Basic Care Facility Administrators

FROM: David L. Nelson, Division Director, Life Safety & Construction

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 1, 2020

SUBJECT: Compliance Review by Venders of Construction Documents

The Department of Health (DOH), Division of Life Safety & Construction (State) has contracted with multiple vendors, and/or entities, to assist in the performance of compliance reviews, of construction documents, for health care construction projects in North Dakota. Documents will be reviewed for compliance with state construction standards as identified in the North Dakota General Standards of Construction and Equipment for Hospitals, Chapter 33-07-02.1, North Dakota General Standards of Construction and Equipment for Nursing Facilities, Chapter 33-07-04.2, the North Dakota General Standards of Construction and Equipment for Basic Care Facilities, Chapter 33-03-24.2 and identify areas of noncompliance with utilizing these standards.

The intent is to give licensed providers the option to directly contract the review of construction documents with vendors, from an approved list, selected by the State. It is the expectation of the DOH that a separate agreement will be entered into between the vendor and the licensed provider. The DOH will not be responsible for payments of independent compliance reviews.

The scope of the compliance review will encompass the project from initial review, including all applicable construction contract modifications submitted at any point of the project, to the point of completion. The goal of this project is to assist the DOH in completing reviews of construction documents in a timely manner.

The DOH will receive a separate review fee from the licensed provider, based on the Plan Review Fee Scale Based on Size and Project Cost (PC) X 25%, to provide project administration, over-sight review and construction inspection.

If you have questions regarding this information, please contact the Director, Division of Life Safety and Construction, North Dakota Department of Health at 701-328-2352