

TOPIC: SAFER CHEMICALS FOR HEALTHY INTERIOR STANDARD

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TYPE OF ITEM:

- Lesson Learned Modified Standard New Standard Other

BULLETIN TYPE:

- Voluntary Mandatory

IMPACTED STANDARD:

- Planning Allocation Rules
 Functional Program
 Room Templates (CAD)
 Design Technical Standards
 Purchasing Agreements
 Broadband/Advocate Select
 Equipment
 Furniture
 Not Applicable

POTENTIAL IMPACT TO PD&C

COST MODEL:

- Yes No

POTENTIAL IMPACT TO PROJECT

BUDGET:

- Yes No

DATE TO IMPLEMENT:

IMMEDIATELY

PROJECTS IMPACTED:

- All Projects, Regardless of Phase
 All Projects in Schematic Design Phase
 All Projects in Design Development Phase
 All Projects in Construction Documents Phase
 All Projects in Bidding Phase
 All Projects in Construction Phase
 All Projects not yet in Purchasing Phase
 Other: Process Clarification

BREIF DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE:

To provide guidance to Achieve HHI Safer Chemical Challenge for Healthy Interiors.

Background:

Healthy Hospitals Initiative - Healthy Interiors Challenge

Ensure that 25 percent of the annual volume of freestanding furniture and medical furnishings, purchases based on cost, eliminate the intentional use of halogenated flame retardants, formaldehyde, perfluorinated compounds, and PVC (also known as vinyl).

“Effective immediately, purchases of freestanding furniture and medical furnishings for any Advocate capital or renovation project are to be specified **without** the intentional use of the following chemicals: halogenated fire retardants formaldehyde, perfluorinated compounds, and PVC (also known as vinyl).”

Details:

- HHI defines “furniture and medical furnishings” in line with LEED for Health Care (LEED MR Credit 5: Furniture and Medical Furnishings)

“Medical furnishings: include mattresses, foams, panel fabrics, cubicle curtains, window coverings, and other textiles.

“Furniture” is defined as any fixtures, such as seating, desk/workstations/systems furniture, tables, storage units, shelving, casework, and literature racks, purchased as a free standing or modular unit, regardless of where the assemble takes place.

- *The electronic components of furniture are exempt from the challenge.*

See attachment – Healthier Hospitals Initiative

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