

SB 1203 Eliminates Architectural Plan Reviews for Health Care Institutions

Dear Health Care Institution Licensees, Applicants, and Stakeholders,

On March 23, 2022, Governor Ducey approved [Senate Bill \(SB\) 1203](#), amending Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) Title 36, Chapter 4, Articles 1 and 2 (36-405(B)(5), 36-421(A), and 36-422(A)(2)), and requiring a health care institution (HCI) license application to include a notarized attestation from a licensed architect that verifies architectural plans meet or exceed Arizona Department of Health Services (Department) standards (notarized attestation). SB 1203 also eliminates the requirement that the Department provide architectural plan reviews for HCIs.

Please note that through September 23, 2022, the Department will continue to process architectural applications (new construction and modifications) and provide architectural plan reviews; however, upon the effective date of SB 1203, September 24, 2022, the Department will no longer provide architectural plan reviews or accept architectural applications. Instead, the Department will only accept notarized attestations with license applications for HCIs.

Please also be advised that the Department will be initiating a rulemaking that will amend the Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) Title 9, Chapter 10, Article 1 accordingly. Details regarding the rulemaking and the notarized attestation requirements will be shared as they become available on the Department's [Division of Public Health Licensing](#) and [Office of Administrative Counsel and Rules](#) websites.

Thank you,

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