CHAPTER 9 FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS

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907.2.6.1 Group I-2. Corridors in nursing homes (both intermediate care and skilled nursing facilities), detoxification facilities and spaces open to the corridors shall be equipped with an automatic fire detection system.

Exceptions:

- 1. Corridor smoke detection is not required where patient sleeping rooms are provided with smoke detectors that compy with UL 268. Such detectors shall provide a visual display on the corridor side of each patient room and shall provide an audible and visual alarm at the nursing station attending each room.
- 2. Corridor smoke detection is not required where patient room doors are equipped with automatic door-closing devices with integral smoke detectors on the room sides installed in accordance with their listing, provided that the integral detectors perform the required alerting function.

Q: Is an electrically supervised, smoke detection system required throughout a Group I-2 occupancy (hospital)?

A: No. Section 907.2.6.1 contains no requirements specific to a Group I-2 hospital. The provisions do require an automatic fire detection system in corridors and all spaces open to corridors in Group I-2 nursing homes and detoxification facilities. Section 907.2.6 requires installation of electrically supervised, automatic smoke detection systems only in waiting areas that are open to corridors in all Group I occupancies.
