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SUMMARY OF RULE CHANGES IN FEBRUARY 17, 2015 TRANSMITTAL

N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.4(d) is amended regarding the enforcement responsibilities for the installation and replacement of mechanical equipment in existing residential buildings of Group R-3, R-4, or R-5 in that the plumbing subcode official is assigned in cases where no mechanical inspector is employed. By doing so, only one technical section would be required for the mechanical portions of the performed work. If electrical work is part of the installation, an electrical technical section would also be required.

N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.11(a)8 is amended to assign plan review authority for residential health care facilities to the Department's health care facilities plan review unit.

N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.11A(a)1 and (b) are amended regarding the process for review of plans for projects at schools. No Department of Community Affairs approval is required for local review of plans for projects to be undertaken at schools (with the exception of the construction of new schools which still must be submitted to the Department for review.) This also eliminates the use of Department of Education Form DOE-124.

N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.5(j) is amended regarding conflict of interest for construction or subcode officials, assistants to the construction or subcode official, trainees, inspectors, or plan reviewers in that it removes the prohibition from undertaking any construction-related activity in a municipality adjacent to any municipality in which they are employed.

N.J.A.C. 5:23-5.2 through 5.5, 5.21, 5.22, and 5.25 are amended regarding special inspectors making the rules for imposing sanctions on licensed code officials also applicable to certified special inspectors.

NOTE: This summary lists only those changes to the regulations initiated by the Department of Community Affairs. There may be other replacement pages included in this transmittal as a result of formatting changes (changes to the arrangement of text on the page) made by the publisher, administrative corrections made by the Office of Administrative Law, or recently decided court cases which are listed in the notes following each section.

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