**Section 225.8000 Applicability**

a) When construction is contemplated, either for new buildings or additions or major alterations (those that are not defined as minor alterations in subsection (e) of this Section) to existing buildings coming within the scope of these standards, design development drawings and outline specifications shall be submitted to the Department for review. Approval will be based on compliance with this Part. Approval of design development drawings and specifications shall be obtained from the Department prior to starting final working drawings and specifications. Comments or approval will be provided within 30 days after receipt by the Department.

b) The final working drawings and specifications shall be submitted to the Department for review and approval prior to beginning of construction. For final approval to remain valid, contracts must be signed within one year after the date of final approval. Alternate methods of design development and construction such as fast track shall be acceptable if equivalency can be proved. Comments or approval will be provided within 30 days after receipt by the Department.

c) Any contract modifications that affect or change the function, design, or purpose of a facility shall be submitted to the Department for approval prior to authorizing the modifications. Comments or approval will be provided within 30 days after receipt by the Department.

d) The facility shall notify the Department at least 30 days before construction has been completed. The Department will then complete a final inspection. Deficiencies noted during the final inspection must be corrected before occupancy will be allowed.

e) Minor alterations or remodeling changes that do not affect the structural integrity of the building, that do not change functional operation, that do not affect fire safety, and that do not add beds or facilities over those for which the Model is licensed need not be submitted for drawing approval.

f) No system of water supply, plumbing, sewage, garbage or refuse disposal shall be installed, nor any such existing system materially altered or extended until complete plans and specifications for the installation, alteration or extension have been submitted to the Department and have been reviewed and approved.