WAC 388-107-0740 Required review of building plans. (1) The facility must submit plans to construction review services as directed by the department of health construction review services for approval prior to beginning any construction or conversion of an existing facility or a portion of an existing facility. The approved plans must be conformed to during construction.

(2) The facility must notify construction review services of all planned new construction regarding the facility prior to beginning work on any of the following:

(a) A new building or portion thereof to be used as a facility;

(b) An addition of, or modification or alteration to an existing facility, including, but not limited to, the facility's:

(i) Physical structure;

(ii) Electrical fixtures or systems;

(iii) Mechanical equipment or systems;

(iv) Fire alarm fixtures or systems;

(v) Fire sprinkler fixtures or systems;

(vi) Wall coverings 1/28 thick or thicker;

(vii) Floor coverings; or

(viii) Kitchen or laundry equipment.

(c) A change in the department-approved use of an existing facility or portion of a facility; and

(d) An existing building or portion thereof to be converted for the approved use.

(3) The facility does not need to notify construction review services of the following:

(a) Repair or maintenance of equipment, furnishings or fixtures;

(b) Replacement of equipment, furnishings or fixtures with equivalent equipment, furnishings, or fixtures;

(c) Repair or replacement of damaged construction if the repair or replacement is performed according to construction documents approved by construction review services within eight years preceding the current repair or replacement;

(d) Painting; or

(e) Cosmetic changes that do not affect resident activities, services, or care and are performed in accordance with the current edition of the building code.

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