WAC 246-330-510 Design, construction review, and approval of plans. (1) Drawings and specifications for new construction, must be prepared by, or under the direction of, an architect registered under chapter 18.08 RCW. The services of a consulting engineer registered under chapter 18.43 RCW must be used for the various branches of the work where appropriate. The services of a registered professional engineer may be used in lieu of the services of an architect if work involves engineering only.

(2) An ambulatory surgical facility must submit construction documents for proposed new construction to the department for review and approval prior to new construction as required in RCW 70.230.050 (1) (b).

(3) The facility must submit:

(a) A written functional program containing, at a minimum:

(i) Information concerning surgical services to be provided and operational methods to be used; and

(ii) Description of work, patient, soiled waste and clean processing flows.

(b) Two sets of construction drawings and specifications to include coordinated civil, architectural, structural, mechanical, fire sprinkler, fire alarm and electrical work. Each room, area, and item of fixed equipment and major movable equipment must be identified on all drawings to demonstrate that the required facilities for each function are provided.

(c) Floor plan of the building showing the alterations and additions including location of any service or support areas.

(d) For additions and/or alterations:

(i) A plan to show how the ambulatory surgical facility will ensure the health and safety of occupants during construction and installation of finishes. This includes taking appropriate infection control measures, keeping the surrounding area free of dust and fumes, and assuring rooms or areas are well-ventilated, unoccupied, and unavailable for use until free of volatile fumes and odors.

(ii) A plan to show how the ambulatory surgical facility will provide safety during construction consistent with the fire code showing required paths of egress, exit discharge and interim life safety measures serving the alterations or additions.

(4) An ambulatory surgical facility must:

(a) Respond to requests for additional or corrected documents;

(b) Submit to the department for review and approval any addenda or modifications to the original department approved construction documents;

(c) Assure construction is completed in compliance with the final "department approved" documents; and

(d) Notify the department when construction is completed and provide a copy of the local jurisdiction's approval for occupancy if requested by the department.

(5) An ambulatory surgical facility will not use any new construction, alterations or additions until:

(a) The construction documents are approved by the department; and

(b) The local jurisdictions have issued an approval to occupy; and

(c) Notification to the department that the construction has been completed, the proposed occupancy date, final declared construction cost and that any additional fees have been paid.

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