Informal Interpretation Report
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Section 1017.2

Question:

Existing Type IIB construction one-story office building, laid out in a North-South direction. Intent is to utilize 4,920 ft2 in center of building as an I-4 Pediatric Day Care facility. Section 903.2.6 allows for an exemption from the installation of sprinkler system if every care room has direct access to the outside. Two new doors are being added in the back of building, one for the Nursing Area, and one in the Therapy Room.

Answer

So as this is an existing building, we need to go to Chapter 10 of the FBC-Existing. Section 1001.2 starts the process. Section 1004.1 refers you back to the FBC-Bldg chapter 9 for Fire Sprinkler requirements. Section 1012 is specific where there is a Change of Occupancy Classification.

There is no conflict, the exception is more specific than the table.

The revised 1017 table from the ICC Codes was not incorporated in the 7th edition, it was left on the TAC room floor, no affirmative action.

Not sure about I-4 = Pediatric Day Care
Pediatric is defined as relating to the care and medical treatment of children.
Pediatrics is defined as a branch of medicine that deals with the child, development, care and diseases.
(Per the Websters third new international dictionary)

Nor was the age group specified, this maybe Group E per 308.6.1

Commentary:

None.

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