



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Vestibule widths in Group I-2 occupancies		
Code Section(s)	2007 California Building Code Sections 909.20.1, 1005.1, and 1017.2		
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In a Group I-2 hospital serving nonambulatory patients where smokeproof enclosures are required, what is the minimum dimension of the vestibules? Is the minimum dimension the calculated width as determined in Section 1005.1 (44" by 72") or the specified width in Section 1017.2 (96" by 96")?

Vestibule width pursuant to 909.20.1 is not determined by 1017.2. OSFM has determined that the minimum width would be determined by section 1005.1. Section 1005.1 determines the minimum egress width of the corridor even though 1017.2 may require more. Section 1017.2 requirements are intended for a different purpose (movement and passing side by side of beds); whereas vestibules are not intended for such purpose. The minimum depth for vestibules of 72" is not affected by 1005.1 or 1017.2