



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Group R Division 2.1.1 or 2.2.1		
Code Section(s)	2001 California Building Code Section 415A		
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The title of Section 415A of the 2001 Building Code reads, "**RESIDENTIALLY-BASED, LICENSED FACILITIES IN A NON-SPRINKLERED GROUP R, DIVISION 2.1.1 AND 2.2.1 OCCUPANCY HOUSING A BEDRIDDEN CLIENT**" (underscoring supplied). Section 415A.1.1 goes on to state that "The purpose of this chapter is to provide a minimum level of fire and life safety protection for a bedridden client, as defined in Section 203, housed in a non-sprinklered, Group R, Division 2.1.1 or 2.2.1 Occupancy" (underscoring supplied).

1. Does Section 415A or any provisions thereof apply to Group R, Division 2.1.1 Occupancies that have been retrofitted with NFPA type 13D automatic fire sprinkler systems?

No. This section of the California Building Code applies to NON-SPRINKLERED facilities that are housing a bedridden client; therefore the facility would not have to comply with any of the provisions of 415A.

2. If Section 415A does not apply to sprinklered R2.1.1 facilities, are the client bedrooms in those sprinklered R2.1.1 facilities considered approved for bedridden clients?

Yes. Keeping in mind that two exits are required and at least one of the exits must conform to the four exiting criteria set forth in §1007.6.3.2.2.