



Report on Public Policy Position

Name of Section:

Elder Law & Disability Rights Section

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Regarding:

CMS-3191-P

Date position was adopted:

12/21/06

Process used to take the ideological position:

Careful consideration of the issues including safety of vulnerable adults in nursing homes resulted in a recommendation to support a change in Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to require automatic fire suppression sprinkler systems to be installed in nursing homes. The recommendation was then voted on via an electronic forum using our Council listserve.

Number of members in the decision-making body:

19

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

13 voted in favor

0 in opposition

6 did not vote

Position:

The Section sent a letter in support of the proposed CMS policy change.

The text (may be provided by hyperlink) of any legislation, court rule, or administrative regulation that is the subject of or referenced in this report:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/eRulemaking/ECCMSR/itemdetail.asp?filterType=dual,%20keyword&filterValue=Fire&filterByDID=0&sortByDID=1&sortOrder=ascending&itemID=CMS1188796&intNumPerPage=10>