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New Law Impacting Fire Clearance for RCFEs and Community Care Facilities.

With the passage of AB 762 (Chapter 471, Statutes of 2009), effective January 1, 2010, the law regarding bedridden clients in Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE) occupancies, Community Care Facilities, and Residential Care Facilities for the Chronically Ill (RCF-CI) has changed.

- RCFE, Community Care Facility, and RCF-CI residents/clients who need assistance transferring to and from bed (but **not** assistance turning or repositioning), are considered non-ambulatory for purposes of fire clearance. A non-ambulatory fire clearance is required for these residents/clients. The STD 850 shall reflect these residents as non-ambulatory.

- RCFE, Community Care Facility, and RCF-CI residents/clients who need assistance turning or repositioning in bed continue to be considered bedridden for purposes of fire clearance. The STD 850 will reflect these residents as bedridden.

Note: Health & Safety Code 1566.45: The determination of the bedridden status of persons with developmental disabilities shall be made by the Director of Social Services or his or her designated representative. **The fire service is not responsible for determining bedridden status.**

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