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FEMA Region II Approves SpaceMed Guide as Industry Standard

A New Industry Standard for Determining Space in the Healthcare Sector

ANN ARBOR, Mich., January 1, 2020 — The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region II has approved the use of the *SpaceMed Guide: A Space Planning Guide for Healthcare Facilities* as an industry standard for facility-wide space planning for facilities providing healthcare services under the 2018 Bipartisan Budget Act (BBA).

FEMA Region II includes New York, New Jersey, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands, and eight tribal nations.

The *SpaceMed Guide* will be used to determine the types, numbers, and sizes of spaces required for the purposes of repair, restoration, and replacement of critical service facilities in the healthcare sector that are eligible under the 2018 Bipartisan Budget Act through the Public Assistance Program. Pursuant to the BBA, FEMA will determine the renovation or replacement cost of a qualifying healthcare facility based on the work required to comply with the approved industry standard.

The *SpaceMed Guide: A Space Planning Guide for Healthcare Facilities* provides state-of-the-art planning methodologies, industry benchmarks, and planning tips derived from decades of consulting to healthcare organizations throughout North America. The *SpaceMed Guide* was first published in 2004 followed by the second edition in 2006 and the third edition in 2015.

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