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Name of Study Task Group: Assisted Toileting and Bathing

Background: The ICC Healthcare Committee proposed assisted toileting and bathing criteria – scoping and technical – for the 2021 IBC. The scoping is for assisted toileting and bathing to be an alternative for the Accessible Units in a percentage of the resident’s/care recipient’s bathrooms in Assisted Living, Nursing Homes and Rehabilitation facilities. The technical criteria was based on a study from Rothchild’s Foundation on assisted toileting and bathing. The concern was that the resident did not have enough strength or stability to use the toilet or shower safely. Therefore, there needed to be configurations that would allow for the improved safety, independence and comfort for both the resident and the care-givers. The ICC Healthcare Committee recommended that the technical criteria be included in A117.1. The A117.1 Committee heard a presentation on this study from Maggie Caulkins during the development of the 2017 edition, but the study had not been completed at that time.

Scope and Objectives: Evaluate the technical requirements for assisted toileting and bathing facilities. Criteria must address the needs for the care recipient’s access and use and the care giver’s access and use.

Tasks:

1. Review related information, including the Rothchild Foundation study.
2. Review products available on the market for coordination with technical requirements.
3. Recommend technical criteria for assisted toileting clearances for care recipients and care givers.
4. Recommend technical criteria for assisted bathing clearances for care recipients and care givers.
5. Review room requirements such as toilet, lavatory, turning space, amenities.
6. Develop recommendations, if any, on scoping for new construction.
7. Develop recommendations, if any, on scoping for existing buildings (e.g., alterations, additions, new bathrooms).
8. Recommend location for technical criteria (e.g., within the standard, an appendix, a separate document, etc.)

Objectives:

1. Recommend proposed technical criteria for the A117.1 standard, and/or other organizations as appropriate.
2. Submit proposed scoping to the model code organizations, and/or other organizations as appropriate.

Timetable: Develop and submit recommendations for consideration in the current A117.1 revision cycle.

Appointments:

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