

### **4-1.3 DECISION NO. D-11**

#### **HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY**

##### **Issue:**

Guidelines are needed to ensure that Indian Health Service (IHS) health care facilities and quarters comply with the design criteria requirements for handicapped accessibility. Two slightly differing standards exist, the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The ADA is the more recent of the two with the UFAS only applying to Federal facilities. In addition, the UFAS is being revised to conform to the ADA.

##### **Decision:**

Effective immediately, the ADA, 42 United States Code 12101, Title III Standards, will apply to all Indian Health Service health care facilities and quarters.

##### **Reference:**

This decision will be incorporated in the updated Health Facilities Planning Manual (HFPM), Volume 1, "Space Programming Criteria," and HFPM, Volume 2, "Environmental and Room Layout." This document will be issued as Chapter 21-7 - Accessibility Standards, Part 21, Volume III of the Technical Handbook for Environmental Health and Engineering.

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