



U.S. Access Board Issues Final Rule Setting Low Transfer Height for Certain Medical Diagnostic Equipment

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Health and Human Services has adopted the 2017 specifications from The Access Board for a low height range of 17-19 inches, which was in effect on 7/8/2024. This 2017 specification and subsequent adoption by HHS requires our facilities to have a percentage of equipment units that are purchased or leased after 7/8/2024 that meet the new low height range of 17 to 19 inches. It took HHS seven years to adopt the initial low height range set by the Access Board, as there are so many moving parts to updating the regulation. We must begin moving to compliance of the low height range and percentage of units outlined in 45 CFR Part 84 Subpart J - Accessible Medical Equipment [found here](#).

The low-height requirement affects anyone with a mobility disability that needs to self-transfer to medical diagnostic equipment and also any healthcare worker or caregiver that is expected to transfer a disabled person to the surface of medical diagnostic equipment. So initially we must have equipment available within the 17-19 low height range but eventually it may be set to the 17 inches that The Access Board proposed this year.

[Read the one-page summary of the Final Rule here.](#)