Phase 1 scope adjustment – door closers

Based on learnings from the pilot houses, a minor scope change to Phase 1 is recommended to help accelerate remediation of the most critical deficiencies:

• Removal of the installation of door closers that are NOT part of the primary or secondary means of egress from each room door through the building exit to the outside from the Phase 1 scope, as adding these closers can have impacts on other building systems (i.e. ventilation) and is often in conflict with the current use culture.

  This change in scope would defer the installation of door closers on most bedroom, bathroom and closet doors, unless the door provides direct access to an egress stairwell or would impede the egress path when in the open position.

• Further work (and perhaps funding) is needed to implement these specific code requirements in a way that will be more likely to achieve the desired long term results (e.g.: changes in use culture, the addition of magnetic door holdbacks).

• Organizations, at their choice, are able to move forward with room door closers as part of Phase 1.