Sections 202, 304.1 and 422 of the 2012 International Building Code (IBC) contain a new use called **AMBULATORY CARE FACILITIES**. These sections are allowed to be used for Ambulatory Care Facilities in the city of Phoenix.

The 2009 IBC (where the new occupancy first appeared) and 2012 IBC commentaries both provide in-depth justification for allowing such facilities to be classified as Group B occupancies. Therefore, as long as the design complies with the code sections stated herein, the occupancy classification is B.

**IBC Section 202 DEFINITIONS**

**AMBULATORY CARE FACILITY.** Buildings or portions thereof used to provide medical, surgical, psychiatric, nursing or similar care on a less than 24-hour basis to individuals who are rendered incapable of self-preservation by the services provided.