

BBRS Energy Code Advisory to the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code with the Massachusetts Amendments, Effective October 13, 2020

BBRS offers the following clarification to section R406 of Chapter 11 of 780 CMR 51.00 and Reference Standard ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301—2014.

For the purpose of documenting compliance with the International Energy Code and the Massachusetts Amendments, section R406, the following shall be acceptable for ERI documentation described in R406.6.2:

1. A HERS compliance report with a HERS Index score meeting the applicable maximum allowable score in Table R406.4, OR
2. An ERI compliance report with an ERI score meeting the applicable maximum score in Table R406.4.
3. Use of ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301— 2014 or the 2019 allowed.

This Board advisory is meant to clarify the differences between ERI and HERS and resolve confusion on what is required for compliance documentation. Changing the compliance path after the building permit has been issued would be allowed utilizing section R107.4 Amended Construction Documents in 780 CMR.