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44:04:01:01. Definitions. Terms defined in SDCL 34-12-1.1 have the same meaning in this article. In addition, terms used in this article mean:

(1) "Abuse," an intentional act toward an individual indicating that one or more of the following has occurred:

(a) A criminal conviction against a person for mistreatment toward an individual; or

(b) In the absence of a criminal conviction, substantial evidence that one or more of the following has occurred resulting in harm, pain, fear, or mental anguish:

(i) Misappropriation of a patient's or resident's property or funds;
(ii) An attempt to commit a crime against a patient or resident;
(iii) Physical harm or injury against a patient or resident; or
(iv) Using profanity, making gestures, or engaging in other acts made to or directed at a patient or resident;

(2) "Activities coordinator," a person who is a therapeutic recreation specialist or activity professional eligible for certification from the National Certification Council of Activity Professionals, who has two years of experience in a social or recreational program within the last five years, one year of which was full-time in a patient activities program in a health care setting, or who is a qualified occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant under SDCL chapter 36-31 or who has completed a training program;

(3) "Activities of daily living," the tasks of transferring, moving about, dressing, grooming, toileting, and eating performed routinely by a person to maintain physical functioning and personal care;

(4) "Adequate staff," a sufficient number of qualified personnel to perform the duties required to meet the performance criteria established by this article;

(5) "Administrator," a person appointed by the owner or governing body of a facility who is responsible for managing the facility and who maintains an office on the premises of the facility;

(6) "Adult day care," a nonresident program in a licensed facility that provides health, social, and related support services;

(7) "Anesthesiologist," a physician whose specialized training and certification qualify the person to administer anesthetic agents and to monitor the patient under the influence of these agents;

(8) "Anesthetist," a physician eligible for certification as an anesthesiologist or a certified registered nurse anesthetist who meets the requirements of SDCL chapter 36-9;

(9) "Client advocates," agencies responsible for the protection and advocacy of patients and residents, including the department, the state ombudsman, the protection and advocacy network, and the Medicaid fraud control unit;

(10) "Cognitively impaired," a patient or resident with mental deficiencies which result in a diminished ability to solve problems, to exercise good judgment in the context of a value system, to remember, and to be aware of and respond to safety hazards;
(11) "Department," the South Dakota Department of Health;

(12) "Developmental disability," a severe, chronic disability of a person as defined in SDCL 27B-1-3 or a disability which:

(a) Is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments;
(b) Is manifested before the person attains age 22;
(c) Is likely to continue indefinitely;
(d) Results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activity:

   (i) Self-care;
   (ii) Receptive and expressive language;
   (iii) Learning;
   (iv) Mobility;
   (v) Self-direction;
   (vi) Capacity for independent living; and
   (vii) Economic self-sufficiency; and

(e) Requires a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic care, treatment, or other services which are individually planned and coordinated;

(13) "Dietary manager," a person who is a dietitian, a graduate of an accredited dietetic technician or dietetic manager training program, a graduate of a course that provides 120 or more hours of classroom instruction in food service supervision, or a certified dietary manager recognized by the National Certifying Board of Dietary Managers and who functions with consultation from a dietitian;

(14) "Dietitian," a person who is registered with the Commission on Dietetic Registration of the American Dietetic Association and holds a current license to practice in South Dakota pursuant to SDCL chapter 36-10B;

(15) "Dining assistant," a person who has successfully completed a dining assistant program approved pursuant to § 44:04:07:17;

(16) "Direct contact," any activity that requires physically touching a patient or resident;

(17) "Distinct part," an identifiable unit, such as an entire ward or contiguous wards, wing, floor, or building, which is licensed at a specific level. It consists of all beds and related facilities in the unit;

(18) "Emergency care," professional health services immediately necessary to preserve life or stabilize health due to the sudden, severe, and unforeseen onset of illness or accidental bodily injury;

(19) "Endorsement," the process of formally recognizing for the purpose of employment in a licensed health care facility in South Dakota the qualifications of a person trained and evaluated in another state as a nurse aide;
(20) "Equivalency," training of another or different type that is determined by the department to be equal to department approved training;

(21) "Facility," the place of business used to provide health care for patients or residents;

(22) "General hospital," a hospital that provides at least medical, surgical, obstetrical, and emergency services;

(23) "Governing body," an organized body of persons that is ultimately responsible for the quality of care in a health care facility, credentialing of and granting privileges to the medical staff, maintaining the financial viability of the facility, and formulating institutional policy;

(24) "Health supervision," activity by an adult foster care provider that ensures a resident carries out the health plan of the resident's physician and observes good health practices;

(25) "Healthcare worker," any paid person working in a health-care setting;

(26) "Hospice services," a coordinated interdisciplinary program of home and inpatient health care that provides or coordinates palliative and supportive care to meet the needs of a terminally ill patient and the patient's family. The needs arise out of physical, psychological, spiritual, social, and economic stresses experienced during the final stages of illness and dying and that includes formal bereavement programs as an essential component;

(27) "Interdisciplinary team," a group of persons selected from multiple health disciplines who have a diversity of knowledge and skills and who function as a unit to collectively address the medical, physical, mental or cognitive, and psychosocial needs of a patient or resident;

(28) "Instrumental activities of daily living," tasks performed routinely by a person, utilizing physical and social environmental features, to manage life situations, including meal preparation, self-administration of medications, telephone use, housekeeping, laundry, handling finances, shopping, and use of transportation;

(29) "Legend drug," any drug that requires the label bearing the statement "Caution: Federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription";

(30) "Licensed health professional," a physician; physician's assistant; nurse practitioner; physical, speech, or occupational therapist; physical or occupational therapy assistant; nurse; nursing facility administrator; dietitian; pharmacist; respiratory therapist; or social worker who holds a current license to practice in South Dakota;

(31) "Medical staff," an organized staff composed of practitioners that operates under bylaws approved by the governing body and which is responsible for reviewing the qualifications of practitioners applying for clinical privileges and for the provision of medical care to patients and residents in a health care facility;

(32) "Mental disease," a mental condition that causes a person to lack sufficient understanding or capacity to make the responsible decisions to meet the ordinary demands of life, as evidenced by the person's behavior, or that causes a person to be a danger to self or others;
(33) "Neglect," a failure, without a reasonable justification, to provide timely, consistent, and safe services, treatment, and care necessary to avoid physical harm, mental anguish, or mental illness to a patient or resident;

(34) "Nurse," a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse who holds a current license to practice in South Dakota pursuant to SDCL chapter 36-9;

(35) "Nurse aide," an individual providing nursing or nursing-related services who is not a licensed health professional, or someone who volunteers to provide such services without pay;

(36) "Nursing personnel," staff which includes registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, nurse aides, restorative aides, and orderlies;

(37) "Nursing unit," a patient unit that is limited to one floor of a health care facility and has all patient room entrances and exits within sight or control of nursing personnel;

(38) "Patient," a person with a valid order by a practitioner for diagnostic or treatment services in a hospital, specialized hospital, critical access hospital, swingbed, ambulatory surgery center, or chemical dependency treatment facility;

(39) "Personal care," assistance given by an adult foster care home owner in those areas of daily living when a resident has difficulty functioning because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition;

(40) "Pharmacist," a person registered to practice pharmacy pursuant to SDCL chapter 36-11;

(41) "Physician," a person who is licensed or approved to practice medicine pursuant to SDCL chapter 36-4;

(42) "Physician's extender," a person who is an assistant to a physician as authorized under SDCL chapter 36-4A; a nurse practitioner as authorized under SDCL chapter 36-9A; or a nurse midwife as authorized under SDCL chapter 36-9A;

(43) "Practitioner," one of the following:

(a) A person who is licensed or approved to practice medicine pursuant to SDCL chapter 36-4;
(b) A person who is licensed to practice dentistry pursuant to SDCL chapter 36-6;
(c) A person who is licensed to practice podiatry pursuant to SDCL chapter 36-8;
(d) A person who is licensed to practice optometry pursuant to SDCL chapter 36-7;
(e) A person who is licensed to practice chiropractic pursuant to SDCL chapter 36-5;
(f) A person who is licensed to practice pharmacy pursuant to SDCL chapter 36-11;
(g) A person who is licensed to practice physical therapy pursuant to SDCL chapter 36-10; or
(h) A person who is licensed to practice occupational therapy pursuant to SDCL chapter 36-31;

(44) "Protection and advocacy network," agencies responsible for the protection and advocacy of individuals with developmental disabilities or mental illness, established under the
(45) "Qualified personnel," persons with the specific education or training to provide the health service for which they are employed;

(46) "Referral hospital," a general hospital with medical personnel qualified to receive emergency and nonemergency patient transfers from a critical access hospital, which has sufficient resources to provide consultation to a critical access hospital in the areas of clinical protocols, quality assurance, utilization review, staff inservice, and business consultation;

(47) "Registry," a computerized record of all nurse aides who have completed the minimum nurse aide training and competency evaluation requirements in chapter 44:04:18 to obtain registry status as a nurse aide;

(48) "Regular diet," a nutritionally adequate diet using food items and written recipes that can be prepared and correctly served by a staff person;

(49) "Rehabilitation services," services which include physical therapy, occupational therapy, respiratory therapy, and speech therapy;

(50) "Resident," a person not in need of acute care with a valid order by a practitioner for services in a nursing facility or assisted living center;

(51) "Residential living center," the residence, facility, or place of business required to be registered pursuant to SDCL 34-12-32;

(52) "Respite care," care permitted within the scope of a facility license, with a limited stay no greater than 30 days for any one patient or resident;

(53) "Restorative nursing," a part of nursing directed toward assisting a patient to achieve and maintain an optimal level of self-care and independence and which offers assistance to patients in learning or relearning of skills needed in everyday activities;

(54) "Restraint," a physical, chemical, or mechanical device used to restrict the movement of a patient or resident or the movement or normal function of a portion of the patient's or resident's body, excluding devices used for specific medical and surgical treatment;

(55) "Secured unit," a distinct area of a facility in which the physical environment and design maximizes functioning abilities, promotes safety, and encourages independence for a defined unique population, which is staffed by persons with training to meet the needs of patients or residents admitted to the unit;

(56) "Self-administration of medications," the removal of the correct dosage from the pharmaceutical container and self-injecting, -ingesting, or -applying the medication with no assistance or with assistance from qualified personnel of the facility for the correct dosage or frequency;
(57) "Self-directed care," care provided at the instruction and direction of an individual with the ability to provide the instruction and understand the consequences of the provision of that care;

(58) "Social worker," a person who is licensed pursuant to SDCL chapter 36-26;

(59) "Social service designee," a person who has a degree in a behavioral science field, two years of previous supervised experience in a behavioral science field, is a licensed nurse, or has similar qualifications;

(60) "Specialized hospital," a hospital that provides only one service or a combination of services but does not provide all of the services required to qualify as a general hospital;

(61) "Stand-alone assisted living center," an assisted living center not physically attached to a nursing facility or hospital;

(62) "Swing-bed," a licensed hospital bed which has been approved by the department pursuant to § 44:04:11:10 to also provide short-term nursing care;

(63) "Supervised practical training," training in a laboratory or other setting in which the nurse aide performs health-related tasks on a patient or resident while under the direct supervision of a licensed nurse;

(64) "Supplemental personnel," individuals who assist the primary instructor in the training of nurse aides;

(65) "Terminal illness," a medical prognosis that the individual's life expectancy is six months or less if the illness runs its normal course;

(66) "Therapeutic activity," any purposeful activity outside of activities of daily living that fosters social, emotional, physical, cognitive, and mental well-being;

(67) "Therapeutic diet," any diet other than a regular diet that is ordered by a physician as part of the treatment for a disease or clinical condition to increase, decrease, or to eliminate certain substances in the diet, and to alter food consistency;

(68) "Transfer or discharge," the movement of a patient or resident to a bed outside the distinct part or outside the facility;

(69) "Treatment," a medical aid provided for the purposes of palliating symptoms, improving functional level, or maintaining or restoring health; and

(70) "Unlicensed assistive personnel," a person who is not licensed as a nurse under SDCL chapter 36-9 but who is trained to assist a licensed nurse in the provision of nursing care to a patient or resident as delegated by the nurse and authorized by chapter 20:48:04.01.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 15 SDR 155, effective April 20, 1989; 17 SDR 122, effective February 24, 1991; 19 SDR 95, effective January 7, 1993; 21 SDR 118, effective January 2, 1995; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 24 SDR 90, effective January 4, 1998; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000; 27 SDR 59, effective December 17, 2000; 28 SDR 83, effective December 16, 2001; 29
44:04:01:02. Licensure of facilities by classification. Applications for licensure of a health care facility must set out the classification being applied for. Any license issued shall denote the classification and the facility address on the face of the license. The license shall include each facility address at which services licensed under this chapter are provided. A critical access hospital must first receive notice of eligibility for licensure from the secretary of health. A facility must comply only with those chapters in this article that apply to the classification of license issued. The most current license issued by the department must be posted on the premises of the facility in a place conspicuous to the public. Each facility address shall show a current license. The license certificate remains the property of the department. Facility classifications in addition to those defined in SDCL 34-12-1.1 are as follows:

(1) General hospital;
(2) Specialized hospital; and
(3) Hospice facility.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000; 27 SDR 59, effective December 17, 2000.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-7, 34-12-13.

44:04:01:02.01. Annual license fees for health care facilities. Repealed.

Source: 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000; 30 SDR 84, effective December 4, 2003; repealed, 35 SDR 305, effective July 1, 2009.

44:04:01:02.02. License amendment application fee. Repealed.

Source: 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000; repealed, 35 SDR 305, effective July 1, 2009.

44:04:01:03. Name of facility. Each facility must be designated by a pertinent and distinctive name that must be used in applying for a license. The name may not be changed without first notifying the department in writing. No facility may be given a name or advertise in a way that implies services rendered are in excess of the classification for which it is licensed or which would indicate an ownership other than actual.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 27 SDR 59, effective December 17, 2000.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-7, 34-12-13.

44:04:01:04. **Bed capacity.** The department shall establish the bed capacity of each facility pursuant to the physical plant and space provisions of this article. The patient or resident census must not exceed the bed capacity for which the facility is licensed. A request by the facility for an adjustment in bed capacity because of change of purpose or construction must be approved by the department before any changes are made. A critical access hospital (CAH) may license no more than 25 beds. A CAH may establish a distinct part unit (e.g., psychiatric or rehabilitation) that meets requirements for such beds as established for a short-term, general hospital. Those beds may not count toward the CAH bed limit, and the total number in each distinct part unit may not exceed ten.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000; 30 SDR 84, effective December 4, 2003; 31 SDR 62, effective November 7, 2004.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-7, 34-12-13.

44:04:01:05. **Restrictions on acceptance of patients or residents.** A facility shall accept patients or residents in accordance with the following restrictions:

1. A patient or resident accepted for care by a licensed facility must be housed within the facility covered by the license;

2. A licensed facility may not accept or retain patients or residents who require care in excess of the classification for which it is licensed;

3. Nursing and personal care, personnel essential to maintaining adequate staff may not leave a licensed facility during their tour of duty in the facility to provide services to persons who are not patients or residents of the facility with the exception of providing emergency care on premises contiguous to the facility's property;

4. Hospitals which accept or retain patients for other than short-term acute care shall provide the facilities, equipment, programs, and care needed by such patients;

5. All licensed facilities that accept or retain patients or residents suffering from developmental disabilities or mental diseases shall provide facilities and programs consistent with the needs of such patients or residents;

6. If persons other than inpatients or residents are accepted for care or to participate in any programs, services, or activities for the inpatients or residents, their numbers must be included in the evaluation of central use, activity, and dining spaces; staffing of nursing, dietary, and activity programs; and the provision of an infection control program. Services provided such individuals may not infringe upon the needs of the inpatients or residents;

7. A critical access hospital may provide inpatient acute care up to an annual average length of stay of 96 hours; and
(8) A licensed hospice facility may admit and retain only patients certified by a physician as terminally ill.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:01:06. Joint occupancy. The use of a portion of a building for purposes other than that covered by the license may be approved by the department only if it can be shown that joint occupancy is not detrimental to the welfare of the patients or residents. The area must be open to inspection by the department.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000; 27 SDR 59, effective December 17, 2000.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:01:07. Reports. Each licensed facility, when requested by the department, shall submit to the department the pertinent data necessary to comply with the requirements of SDCL chapter 34-12 and this article.

Each nursing facility shall report to the department within 24 hours and any other licensed facility shall report to the department within 48 hours of the event any death resulting from other than natural causes originating on facility property such as accidents, abuse, negligence, or suicide; any missing patient or resident; and any allegation of abuse or neglect of any patient or resident by any person.

Each facility shall report the results of the investigation within five working days after the event.

Each facility shall also report to the department as soon as possible any fire with structural damage or where injury or death occurs; any partial or complete evacuation of the facility resulting from natural disaster; or any loss of utilities, such as electricity, natural gas, telephone, emergency generator, fire alarm, sprinklers, and other critical equipment necessary for operation of the facility for more than 24 hours.

Each facility shall notify the department of any anticipated closure or discontinuation of service at least 30 days in advance of the effective date.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-5, 34-12-13, 34-12-17.
44:04:01:07.01. Plans of correction. Within 15 days of the receipt of the statement of deficiencies, each licensed facility shall submit to the department a written plan of correction for citations of noncompliance with licensure requirements. The plan of correction shall be signed, dated, and on forms provided by the department. The department may reject the plan of correction if there is no evidence the plan will cause the facility to attain or maintain compliance with SDCL chapter 34-12 and this article.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:01:08. Modifications. Modifications to standards provided in this article may be approved by the department for an assisted living center with a licensed bed capacity of 16 or less or an adult foster care home if the health and safety of the residents are not jeopardized.

Modifications to the staffing requirements provided in § 44:04:03:02 or 44:04:06:08 may be approved by the department for licensed facilities which are physically combined and jointly operated if:

(1) A hospital or critical access hospital and nursing facility are co-located and the nursing facility has a licensed bed capacity of 16 or less or the hospital has an acute care patient daily census of less than five;

(2) A hospital or a critical access hospital and assisted living center are co-located; or

(3) A nursing facility and assisted living center are co-located.

The health and safety of the patients or residents in either facility must not be jeopardized.

Modifications to the staffing requirements in this article may be approved by the department for a critical access hospital if there are no acute care or swing bed patients present.

Modifications specified by this section may be requested by the health care facility. Any modifications must be approved in writing by the department. The approval letter must specify the modifications permitted and any limitations pertaining to the modifications.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:01:09. Transferred to § 44:04:09:12.

44:04:01:10. Rural primary care hospital required to describe services. Repealed.
44:04:01:11. Scope of article. Nothing in article 44:04 limits or expands the rights of any healthcare worker to provide services within the scope of the professional's license, certification, or registration, as provided by South Dakota law.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-7, 34-12-13.

CHAPTER 44:04:02

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

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44:04:02:01. Interpretations. Repealed.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; repealed, 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.
44:04:02:02. Sanitation. The facility must be designed, constructed, maintained, and operated to minimize the sources and transmission of infectious diseases to residents, patients, personnel, visitors, and the community at large. This requirement shall be accomplished by providing the physical resources, personnel, and technical expertise necessary to ensure good public health practices for institutional sanitation.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:02:02.01. Pets. Any pet kept in a nursing facility, assisted living center, or adult foster care home must not negatively affect the well-being of residents. Policies and procedures regarding the care and training of pets shall be developed following the recommendations of a local veterinarian. The primary responsibility of care or the supervision of care for any pet shall be assigned to a staff member.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

Cross-Reference: Physically disabled, blind or deaf person's right to be accompanied by guide dog without extra charge, SDCL 20-13-23.2.

44:04:02:03. Cleaning methods and facilities. The facility must have equipment, work areas, and complete written procedures for cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting, or sterilizing all work areas, equipment, utensils, dressings, medical devices, and solutions used for residents' or patients' care. Common use equipment shall be disinfected or sterilized after each use. Hospitals and nursing facilities must have separate clean and soiled utility rooms.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:02:03.01. Chemicals used to sanitize, disinfect, or sterilize. The label of chemicals used to sanitize, disinfect, or sterilize must indicate registration with the Environmental Protection Agency as effective, safe, and approved for their intended use.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.
44:04:02:04. Sterilization. Instruments, supplies, utensils and equipment which are not single service must be decontaminated before sterilization in a manner that will make them safe for handling by personnel. Supplies and equipment commercially prepared and sterilized to retain sterility indefinitely are acceptable in lieu of sterilization in the facility. Autoclaves used for steam sterilization must be bacteriologically monitored at least weekly. Supplies and equipment sterilized and packaged in the facility must have the processing date on the package and must be reprocessed in accordance with any specific manufacturer's recommendation for the packaging.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:02:05. Housekeeping cleaning methods and equipment. Written housekeeping procedures must be established for the cleaning of all areas in the facility and copies made available to all housekeeping personnel. All parts of the facility must be kept clean, neat, and free of visible soil, litter, and rubbish. Equipment and supplies must be provided for cleaning of all surfaces. Such equipment must be maintained in a safe, sanitary condition. Hazardous cleaning solutions, chemicals, poisons, and substances shall be labeled, stored in a safe place, and kept in an enclosed section separate from other cleaning materials. Cleaning of areas designed for patient or resident use must be performed by dustless methods which will minimize the spread of pathogenic organisms in the facility's atmosphere. All vacuums used in medical facilities, except assisted living centers and adult foster care homes, must be equipped to provide effective discharge air filtration of particles larger than 0.3 microns. Cleaning must include all environmental surfaces within the facility that are subject to contamination from dust, direct splash, or pathogenic organisms except medical equipment, supplies, or devices that are the responsibility of other services or departments of the facility.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:02:06. Food service. Food service must be provided by a licensed facility or food service establishment that is inspected by a local, state, or federal agency. The facility must meet the safety and sanitation procedures for food service in §§ 44:02:07:01, 44:02:07:02, and 44:02:07:04 to 44:02:07:95, inclusive, the Food Service Code. In addition, a mechanical dishwasher must be provided in all facilities of 20 beds or more. The facility must have the space, equipment, supplies, and mechanical systems for efficient, safe, and sanitary food preparation if any part of the food service is provided by the facility.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.
**Note:** Article 44:02, Lodging and Food Service, Administrative Rules of South Dakota, contains the Food Service Code and may be obtained from Legislative Mail, 1320 East Sioux Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, telephone (605) 773-4935, for $3.30.

**44:04:02:07. Handwashing facilities.** Handwashing facilities consisting of hot and cold running water dispensed through a mixing faucet controlled with blade handles or other hands-free controls, a towel dispenser with single-service towels or a hand-drying device, and hand cleanser must be located in dietary areas, utility rooms, nurses' stations, pharmacies, laboratories, nurseries, surgical suites, delivery suites, physical therapy rooms, restorative therapy rooms, examination and treatment rooms, emergency rooms, laundry, and all toilet rooms not directly connected to patient rooms. A handwashing facility must be provided in each patient or resident room or in a bath or toilet room connected directly to the room. If existing faucets and controls are replaced or changed, they must be replaced with mixing faucets controlled with blade handles or other hands-free controls.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**Cross-Reference:** Plumbing fixtures, § 44:04:13:33.

**44:04:02:08. Linen.** The supply of bed linen and towels shall equal three times the licensed capacity. The supply of bed linen for an assisted living center shall equal two times the licensed capacity. There must be written procedures for the storage and handling of soiled and clean linens. Facilities must contract with commercial laundry services or the laundry service of another licensed health care facility for all common use linens if laundry services are not provided on the premises. Facilities providing laundry services must have adequate space and equipment for the safe and effective operation of the laundry service. Commingled patients' or residents' personal clothing, common-use linen, such as towels, washcloths, gowns, bibs, protective briefs, and bedding, any isolation clothing, and housekeeping items must be processed by methods that assure disinfection. If hot water is used for disinfection, minimum water temperatures supplied for laundry purposes must be 160 degrees Fahrenheit (71 degrees centigrade). If chlorine bleach is added to the laundry process to provide 100 parts per million or more of free chlorine, the minimum hot water temperatures supplied for laundry purposes may be reduced to 140 degrees Fahrenheit (60 degrees centigrade). The facility may choose to wash commingled patients' or residents' personal clothing, common-use linen, and any isolation clothing in water temperatures less than 140º F. if the following conditions are met:

1. The process is effective at removing Staphylococcus aureus, Klebsiella pneumoniae. For hospitals the process is effective at also removing Pseudomonas aeruginosa;

2. The water temperature must be maintained at a temperature of at least 70º F. for the chemicals used in low temperature washing to be effective in hard water;

3. The supplier of the chemical specifies low-temperature wash formulas in writing for the machines used in the facility;
(4) Charts providing specific information concerning the formulas to be used for each machine are posted in an area accessible to staff;

(5) The facility ensures that laundry staff receives in-service training by the chemical supplier on a routine basis, regarding chemical usage and monitoring of wash operations; and

(6) The facility ensures that staff monitors chemical usage and wash water temperatures at least monthly to ensure conformance with the chemical supplier's instructions.

Any resident's personal clothing that is not commingled may be processed according to manufacturer's recommendations using water temperatures and detergent in quantity as recommended by the garment or detergent manufacturer. There must be distinct areas for the storage and handling of clean and soiled linens. Those areas used for the storage and handling of soiled linens must be negatively pressurized. Special procedures must be established for the handling and processing of contaminated linens. Soiled linen must be placed in closed containers prior to transportation. To safeguard clean linens from cross contamination, they must be transported in containers used exclusively for clean linens, must be kept covered with dust covers at all times while in transit or in hallways, and must be stored in areas designated exclusively for this purpose. Written requests for any modification of the requirements of this section must be received and approved by the department before any changes are made.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:02:09. Infection control. The infection control program must utilize the concept of standard precautions as the basis for infection control pursuant to chapter 44:20:04. Bloodborne pathogen control must include a written exposure control plan, approved by the facility's medical director or physician responsible for infection control, that addresses the requirements contained in 29 C.F.R. 1910.1030, December 6, 1991. The facility must designate an employee to be responsible for the implementation of the infection control program including surveillance and reporting activities. There must be written procedures that govern the use of aseptic techniques and procedures in all areas of the facility. Each facility shall develop policies and procedures for the handling and storage of potentially hazardous substances (including lab specimens). There must be a method of control used in relation to the sterilization of supplies and a written policy requiring sterile supplies to be reprocessed. The facility must provide orientation and continuing education to all personnel on the facility's staff on the cause, effect, transmission, prevention, and elimination of infections. A written policy must be developed for evaluation and reporting of any employee with a reportable infectious disease.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13, 34-22-9.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.
44:04:02:10. Plumbing. Facility plumbing systems must be designed and installed in accordance with SDCL 36-25-15 and 36-25-15.1. Plumbing must be sized, installed, and maintained to carry required quantities of water to required locations throughout the facility. Plumbing may not constitute a source of contamination of food equipment or utensils or create an unsanitary condition or nuisance.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:02:11. Water supply. The facility's water supply must be obtained from a public water system or, in its absence, from a supply approved by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Private water supplies must have a water sample bacteriologically tested at least monthly. The volume of water must be sufficient for the needs of the facility, including fire fighting requirements. The hot water system must be capable of supplying the work and patient or resident areas with water at the required temperatures. Maximum hot water temperatures at plumbing fixtures used by patients and residents may not exceed 125 degrees Fahrenheit (52 degrees centigrade). The minimum temperature of hot water for patient and resident use must be at least 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees centigrade).

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.


44:04:02:12. Ventilation. Electrically powered exhaust ventilation must be provided in all soiled areas, wet areas, toilet rooms, and storage rooms. Clean storage rooms may also be ventilated by supplying and returning air from the building's air-handling system.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002; 32 SDR 128, effective January 30, 2006.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:02:13. Lighting. Spaces occupied by people, machinery, and equipment within buildings and their approaches and parking lots must have artificial lighting at a level for general safety. Patient or resident bedrooms must have general lighting and night lighting. A reading light must be provided for each patient or resident who can benefit from one. Required exits must be equipped with continuous emergency lighting. Emergency power must be provided if the main source of power fails.
44:04:02:14. Refuse and waste disposal. Garbage, refuse, and waste must be handled and disposed of in a safe and sanitary manner. Medical waste that is categorized as regulated in article 74:35 must be disposed of as specified in that article. Final disposal of all refuse and waste must comply with articles 74:27 and 74:28. Putrescible garbage must be removed at a frequency to contain or prevent odors, insects, and vermin.

44:04:02:15. Insect and rodent control. The facility must take effective measures to protect against the entrance into the facility and the breeding or presence on the premises of rodents, flies, roaches, and other vermin. The facility may use chemical substances of a poisonous nature in accordance with the requirements of this section to control or eliminate various types of vermin. The substances must be properly colored and labeled to identify them as poisons, must be used and stored in a safe manner, and may not be stored with food or drugs used for human consumption. Extreme care must be taken to prevent any poisons from contaminating food or food products.

44:04:02:16. Sewage disposal. Sewage must be disposed of in a public sewage works system or, in its absence, in a manner approved by the department in accordance with SDCL chapter 34A-2.

44:04:02:17. Occupant protection. Each licensed health care facility covered by this article must be constructed, arranged, equipped, maintained, and operated to avoid injury or danger to the occupants. The extent and complexity of occupant protection precautions is determined by the services offered and the physical needs of the patients and residents admitted to the facility. The facility must take at least the following precautions:

(1) Develop and implement a written and scheduled preventive maintenance program;
(2) Provide securely constructed and conveniently located grab bars in all toilet rooms and bathing areas used by patients or residents;

(3) Provide a call system for each patient or resident bed and in all toilet rooms and bathing facilities routinely used by patients or residents. The call system must be capable of being easily activated by the patient or resident and must register at a station serving the unit. A wireless call system may be used;

(4) Provide handrails firmly attached to the walls on both sides of all resident corridors in nursing facilities;

(5) Provide grounded or double-insulated electrical equipment or protect the equipment with ground fault circuit interrupters. Ground fault circuit interrupters must be provided in wet areas and for outlets within six feet of sinks;

(6) Install an electrically activated audible alarm on all unattended exit doors in nursing facilities. Other exterior doors must be locked or alarmed. The alarm must be audible at a designated nurses' station and may not automatically silence when the door is closed;

(7) Portable space heaters and portable halogen lamps may not be used in a facility;

(8) Household-type electric blankets or heating pads may not be used in a facility;

(9) Any light fixture located over a patient or resident bed, in any bathing or treatment area, in a clean supply storage room, in any laundry clean linen storage area, or in any medication set-up area must be equipped with a lens cover or a shatterproof lamp; and

(10) Any clothes dryer must have a galvanized metal vent pipe for exhaust.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:02:18. Area requirements for currently licensed patient/resident rooms. Each currently licensed patient or resident room must have at least 75 square feet (6.98 square meters) of floor space per bed, with at least 3 feet (0.91 meters) between beds in multi-bed rooms exclusive of closets and wardrobes; and 95 square feet (8.83 square meters) in single rooms, exclusive of closets and wardrobes. Each patient or resident must have for individual use in the assigned room a bed, a bedside stand, and a chair appropriate to the needs and comfort of the patient or resident. Hospitals must have 20 square feet (1.86 square meters) of general storage for each bed. Nursing facilities and assisted living centers must have 10 square feet (0.93 square meters) of general storage for each bed. A total of 37.5 square feet (3.48 square meters) of recreational, activity, dining, and occupational therapy area for each bed and each day care patient must be provided in nursing facilities and assisted living centers. Facilities must be constructed,
equipped, and operated to maintain the privacy and dignity of all patients or residents. In multi-bed rooms, each bed must be able to be separated from the other beds by privacy curtains.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 24 SDR 90, effective January 4, 1998.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

Cross-Reference: Area requirements for new construction or renovations, § 44:04:13:02(2).

44:04:02:18.01. Room required for isolation techniques. When a physician determines isolation is required, a private room with necessary equipment, including handwashing facilities, to carry out isolation techniques must be provided. Isolation of a patient or resident with suspected or confirmed tuberculosis in a communicable form requires the room to have a negative air pressure with regard to the corridor and connecting rooms and a minimum of six air exchanges an hour exhausted to the outside air.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13, 34-22-9.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:02:18.02. Office required for social services activities. An office which is large enough to accommodate private consultation and record keeping and which is easily accessible to patients or residents must be provided for social services activities.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:02:19. Physical plant changes. A facility must submit any proposed change by new construction, remodeling, or change of use of an area to the department. Any change must have the approval of the department before it is made.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:02:20. Location. The location of facilities must promote the health, treatment, comfort, safety, and well-being of persons accepted and retained for care. Facilities must be served by good, passable roads. Easy accessibility for employees, visitors, and fire-fighting services must be maintained.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000.
44:04:02:21. Heating and cooling. The temperature in any occupied space in the facility must be maintained between 68 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit during waking hours and not lower than 64 degrees Fahrenheit during sleeping hours. Individual resident space may be maintained outside the required range when desired by the occupant.

Source: 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002.

44:04:02:22. Seclusion rooms in hospitals. Each seclusion room must be arranged for the safety of the patient and to prevent patient hiding, escape, injury, or suicide. The room must be without sharp corners. The room door must swing out of the patient room, but not into a general traffic corridor. Each room door must permit staff observation of the patient while still providing for patient privacy. Each finish fastener and hardware must be tamper resistant. Security fixtures must be provided for lighting. Nine foot ceiling heights must be provided. An anteroom at the seclusion room entrance should be provided to allow staff controlled access to the seclusion room toilet facility. Any lock on a seclusion room must be controlled by staff at the door location and must unlock when released by the staff person. A locking device may be manual or automatic in nature.


CHAPTER 44:04:03
FIRE PROTECTION

Section
44:04:03:01 Fire safety code requirements.
44:04:03:02 General fire safety.
44:04:03:02.01 Staffing exception for assisted living centers during sleeping hours.
44:04:03:03 Repealed.


Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 15 SDR 155, effective April 20, 1989; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000; 27 SDR 59, effective December 17, 2000; 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.
44:04:03:02. General fire safety. Each licensed health care facility covered under this article must be constructed, arranged, equipped, maintained, and operated to avoid undue danger to the lives and safety of its occupants from fire, smoke, fumes, or resulting panic during the period of time reasonably necessary for escape from the structure in case of fire or other emergency. The fire alarm system must be sounded each month. A minimum of two staff members must be on duty at all times. In multilevel facilities, at least one staff member must be on duty on each floor containing occupied beds. Compliance with this section does not eliminate or reduce the necessity for other provisions for safety of persons using the structure under normal occupancy conditions.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 30 SDR 84, effective December 4, 2003.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

Cross-References: Fire safety code requirements, § 44:04:03:01; Staffing exception for assisted living centers, § 44:04:03:02.01.

44:04:03:02.01. Staffing exception for assisted living centers during sleeping hours. Certain staffing exceptions for assisted living centers during sleeping hours are allowed as follows:

(1) For assisted living centers with ten beds or less, one staff person in the facility is required during sleeping hours. This staff person may sleep if:

(a) The facility fire alarm promptly alerts staff;
(b) Exterior door alarms are audible in the staff bedroom;
(c) A staff call system is available;
(d) The staff bedroom has an egress window; and
(e) The residents have an evacuation score which shows them capable of prompt evacuation (three minutes or less) as defined in § 3.3.56, evacuation capability, of NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, 2000 edition;

(2) For assisted living centers with 11 to 16 beds, inclusive, one staff person who is awake is required during sleeping hours if:

(a) The facility fire alarm promptly alerts staff;
(b) A staff call system is available; and
(c) The residents have an evacuation score which shows them capable of prompt evacuation (three minutes or less) as defined in § 3.3.56, evacuation capability, of NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, 2000 edition;

(3) For an assisted living center with 16 beds or less, that is a stand-alone facility, one staff person who is awake is required during the sleeping hours if:

(a) The facility fire alarm promptly alerts staff;
(b) The facility is equipped with an automatic sprinkler system as defined in § 9.7, automatic sprinklers, of NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, 2000 edition;
(c) An automatic fire alarm dialer as defined in § 9.6.4, Emergency Forces Notification, of NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, 2000 edition, to summon the local fire department is provided;
(d) A staff call system is available; and
(e) The residents have an evacuation time which shows them capable of evacuation in five minutes or less;

(4) For an assisted living center with 16 beds or less, physically attached to a nursing facility or hospital, one staff person who is awake is required during sleeping hours if:

(a) The facility fire alarm promptly alerts staff;
(b) The facility is equipped with an automatic sprinkler system, as defined in § 9.7, automatic sprinklers, of NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, 2000 edition;
(c) An automatic fire alarm dialer as defined in § 9.6.4, Emergency Forces Notification, of NFPA Life Safety Code, 2000 edition, to summon the local fire department is provided;
(d) A fire annunciator panel is provided at the nursing facility or hospital nurses station;
(e) A call system is available; and
(f) The residents have an evacuation time which shows them capable of evacuation in eight minutes or less.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.


44:04:03:03. Modifications. Repealed.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; repealed, 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977.

CHAPTER 44:04:04

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

Section
44:04:04:01       Administrative management.
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44:04:04:06       Employee health program.
44:04:04:06.01    Repealed.
44:04:04:07       Admissions of patients or residents.
**44:04:04:01. Administrative management.** Each facility must comply with §§ 44:04:04:02 to 44:04:04:08.01, inclusive.

*Source:* SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000; 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002.

*General Authority:* SDCL 34-12-13.

*Law Implemented:* SDCL 34-12-13.

**44:04:04:02. Governing body.** Each facility operated by limited liability partnership, a corporation, or political subdivision must have an organized governing body legally responsible for the overall conduct of the facility. If the facility is operated by an individual or partnership, the individual or partnership shall carry out the functions in this chapter pertaining to the governing body. The governing body shall establish and maintain administration policies, procedures, or bylaws governing the operation of the facility. The governing body of a hospital shall determine which categories of practitioners are eligible candidates for appointment to the medical staff and shall credential and grant admitting or patient care privileges to appointees to the medical staff. The governing body may appoint members to the medical staff only after considering the recommendations of the existing members of the medical staff.


*General Authority:* SDCL 34-12-13.

*Law Implemented:* SDCL 34-12-13.
Cross-Reference: Hospital medical staff, § 44:04:04:02.01.

44:04:04:02.01. Hospital medical staff. A hospital must have a medical staff organized under bylaws and rules approved by the governing body and responsible to the governing body of the hospital for the quality of all medical care provided patients in the hospital and for the ethical and professional practices of its members. The medical staff must include physicians, but it may also include other practitioners appointed by the governing body. If the medical staff has an executive committee, a majority of the members of the committee must be physicians. The responsibility for the conduct of medical staff affairs must be assigned to an individual physician. The medical staff must establish a credentials committee to review the qualifications of practitioners applying for admitting or patient care privileges and recommend to the governing body practitioners eligible for appointment to the medical staff by the governing body. The review shall include recommendations regarding delineation of admitting and patient care privileges. The medical staff must conduct appraisals of its members at least every two years.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; transferred from § 44:04:05:04, 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

Cross-Reference: Governing body, § 44:04:04.

44:04:04:03. Administrator. The governing body must designate a qualified administrator to represent the owner or governing body and to be responsible for the daily overall management of the facility. The administrator must designate a qualified person to represent the administrator during the administrator's absence. The governing body shall notify the department in writing of any change of administrator. The administrator of a nursing facility must be licensed pursuant to article 20:49. The administrator of an assisted living center must be a licensed health professional as defined in subdivision 44:04:01:01(30) or must hold a high school diploma or equivalent and must become a qualified administrator within a year of employment by successfully completing the training program and competency evaluation outlined in chapter 44:04:18 or a training program that is substantially equivalent, as determined by the department. Oversight by a qualified administrator with at least two years experience as an assisted living center administrator must continue until the administrator training is complete.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:04:04. Personnel. The facility must have a sufficient number of qualified personnel to provide effective and safe care. Staff members on duty must be awake at all times. Supervisors must be 18 years of age or older. Written job descriptions and personnel policies and procedures must be made available to personnel of all departments and services. The facility may not knowingly employ any person with a conviction for abusing another person. The facility must establish and follow policies regarding special duty or staff members on contract.
44:04:04:05. Personnel training. The facility must have a formal orientation program and an ongoing education program for all personnel. Ongoing education programs must cover the required subjects annually. These programs must include the following subjects:

1. Fire prevention and response. The facility must conduct fire drills quarterly for each shift. If the facility is not operating with three shifts, monthly fire drills must be conducted to provide training for all staff;
2. Emergency procedures and preparedness;
3. Infection control and prevention;
4. Accident prevention and safety procedures;
5. Proper use of restraints;
6. Patient and resident rights;
7. Confidentiality of patient or resident information;
8. Incidents and diseases subject to mandatory reporting and the facility's reporting mechanisms;
9. Care of patients or residents with unique needs; and
10. Dining assistance, nutritional risks, and hydration needs of patients or residents.

Personnel whom the facility determines will have no contact with patients or residents are exempt from training required by subdivisions (5), (9), and (10) of this section.

Additional personnel education shall be based on facility identified needs.

Current professional and technical reference books and periodicals must be made available for personnel.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 24 SDR 90, effective January 4, 1998.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:04:06. Employee health program. The facility must have an employee health program for the protection of the patients or residents. All personnel must be evaluated by a licensed health professional for freedom from reportable communicable disease which poses a threat to others before assignment to duties or within 14 days after employment including an assessment of previous vaccinations and tuberculin skin tests. The facility may not allow anyone with a communicable disease, during the period of communicability, to work in a capacity that would allow spread of the disease. Personnel absent from duty because of a reportable communicable disease which may endanger the health of patients, residents, and fellow employees
may not return to duty until they are determined by a physician or the physician's designee to no longer have the disease in a communicable stage.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 24 SDR 90, effective January 4, 1998; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**Cross-Reference:** Reportable diseases, ch 44:20:01.

**44:04:04:06.01. Tuberculin testing requirements for employees, consultants, and caregivers.** Repealed.


**44:04:04.07. Admissions of patients or residents.** The governing body of the facility shall establish and maintain admission, transfer, and discharge policies, with written evidence to assure the patients or residents admitted to and retained in the facility are within the licensure classification of the facility or its distinct part. The facility may admit and retain, on the orders of a practitioner, only those patients or residents for whom it can provide care safely and effectively. A nursing facility may admit and retain patients or residents only on the orders of a physician.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; transfer agreement transferred to § 44:04:04:15, 17 SDR 122, effective February 24, 1991; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 27 SDR 59, effective December 17, 2000.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**Cross-Reference:** Restricted admissions to assisted living centers, § 44:04:04:12.

**44:04:04:07.01. Admission to nursing facilities of residents with communicable diseases or antibiotic resistant organisms.** A resident who is infected with a communicable disease which is reportable to the department, pursuant to SDCL 34-22-12, may be admitted to a nursing facility if the appropriate infection control measures can be provided by the facility to prevent the spread of the communicable disease. The following specific diseases do not preclude a patient from being admitted to a nursing facility: acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), human immunodeficiency virus positive (HIV+), viral hepatitis, herpes (genital), leprosy, malaria, syphilis (late latent only), infection with antibiotic resistant organisms, and tuberculosis (noninfectious). If the nursing facility chooses to admit residents with these diseases or antibiotic resistant organisms, the following conditions must be met:

1. Nursing facility staff must complete a training program in infection control applicable to the diseases listed in this section or antibiotic resistant organisms;
(2) The nursing facility must have written procedures and protocols for staff to follow to avoid exposure to blood or body fluids of the affected residents; and

(3) The nursing facility must have written infection control procedures in place and practiced that prevent the spread of antibiotic resistant organisms.

If, after admission, a resident is suspected of having a communicable disease that endangers the health and welfare of employees or other residents, the nursing facility must contact a physician and assure that measures are taken in behalf of the resident with the communicable disease and the other residents to prevent transmission of the disease.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.


44:04:04:07.02. Tuberculin testing requirements for residents of nursing facility or assisted living center. Repealed.


44:04:04:07.03. Prevention and control of influenza. Nursing facilities and assisted living centers shall arrange for influenza vaccination to be completed annually for all residents. Residents admitted after completion of the vaccination program and before April 1 must be offered influenza vaccine when they are admitted. Influenza vaccination may be waived for residents because of religious beliefs, medical contraindication, or refusal by the resident. Documentation of vaccination or its waiver must be recorded in the resident's medical or care record.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13, 34-22-9.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:04:07.04. Prevention and control of pneumonia. Each nursing facility and assisted living center shall arrange for immunization for pneumococcal disease. If immunization is lacking and the resident's physician recommends it, the nursing facility shall arrange for and the assisted living center shall encourage residents to obtain an immunization for pneumococcal pneumonia within 14 days of admission. Pneumococcal vaccination may be waived for the residents because of religious beliefs, medical contraindication, or refusal by the resident. Documentation of the vaccination or its waiver must be recorded in the resident's medical or care record.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13, 34-22-9.

44:04:04:08. Disease prevention. Each facility shall provide an organized infection control program for preventing, investigating and controlling infection. The facility must establish written policies regarding visitation in the various services and departments of the facility. Visitors who have an infectious disease, who have recently recovered from such a disease, or who have recently had contact with such a disease must be discouraged from entering the facility.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:04:08.01. Tuberculin screening requirements. Each facility shall develop criteria to screen healthcare workers, patients, or residents for Mycobacterium tuberculosis based on the guidelines issued by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Policies and procedures for conducting Mycobacterium tuberculosis risk assessment shall be established and should include the key components of responsibility, surveillance, containment, and education. The frequency of repeat screening shall depend upon annual risk assessments conducted by the facility.

Tuberculin screening requirements for healthcare workers or residents are as follows:

(1) Each new healthcare worker or resident shall receive the two-step method of Mantoux skin test to establish a baseline within 14 days of employment or admission to a facility. Any two documented Mantoux skin tests completed within a 12 month period prior to the date of admission or employment shall be considered a two-step. Skin testing is not necessary if documentation is provided of a previous positive reaction of ten mm induration or greater. Any new healthcare worker or resident who has a newly recognized positive reaction to the skin test shall have a medical evaluation and a chest X-ray to determine the presence or absence of the active disease;

(2) A new healthcare worker or resident who provides documentation of a positive reaction to the Mantoux skin test shall have a medical evaluation and chest X-ray to determine the presence or absence of the active disease; and

(3) Each healthcare worker or resident with a history of a positive reaction to the Mantoux skin test shall be evaluated annually by a physician or a nurse and a record maintained of the presence or absence of symptoms of Mycobacterium tuberculosis.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13, 34-22-9.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.


Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; repealed, 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980.

44:04:04:11. Care policies. Each facility must establish and maintain policies, procedures, and practices to govern care, and related medical or other services necessary to meet the patients' or residents' needs. Policies and procedures for the management of adult day care clients and respite care patients or residents in the facilities offering those services shall be established and maintained.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:04:11.01. Secured units. Each facility with secured units must comply with the following provisions:

(1) A physician's order for confinement that includes medical symptoms that warrant seclusion or placement must be documented in the patient's or resident's chart and must be reviewed periodically by the physician;

(2) Therapeutic programming must be provided and must be documented in the overall plan of care;

(3) Confinement may not be used as a punishment or for the convenience of the staff;

(4) Confinement and its necessity must be based on a comprehensive assessment of the patient's or resident's physical and cognitive and psychosocial needs, and the risks and benefits of this confinement must be communicated to the patient's or resident's family;

(5) Locked doors must conform to Sections: 18.2.2.2.4 and 19.2.2.2.4 of NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, 2000 edition; and

(6) Staff assigned to the secured unit must have specific training regarding the unique needs of patients or residents in that unit. At least one caregiver must be on duty on the secured unit at all times.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.
Reference: NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, 2000 edition, Sections: 18.2.2.2.4 and 19.2.2.2.4 National Fire Protection Association. Copies may be obtained from the National Fire Protection Association, P.O. Box 9101, Quincy, Massachusetts 02269-9101. Phone: 1-800-344-3555. Cost: $53.50.

44:04:04:11.02. Restraints. There must be written policies and procedures for all restraint use, including emergency restraints, bedrails, and locked doors. The use of restraints must be based on a comprehensive assessment of the patient's or resident's physical and cognitive abilities, evaluation and effectiveness of less restrictive alternatives, and an involvement of the patient or resident in weighing the benefits and consequences. Restraint use requires a physician's order including specific time frames. Continued use of the restraint and reorders may be given only on review of the patient's or resident's condition by the physician and the interdisciplinary team. Restraints must be checked every 30 minutes by nursing personnel. Patients or residents under restraint must be given the opportunity for motion and exercise for not less than 10 minutes at intervals as necessary based on the patient's or resident's condition, but at least every two hours. Restraints must not be used to limit mobility, for convenience of staff, for punishment, or as a substitute for supervision. Restraints must not hinder evacuation of the patient or resident during fire or cause injury to the resident.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:04:12. Restricted admissions to assisted living centers. Before admission to an assisted living center, residents must submit written evidence from their physician of symptoms and diagnoses and a physical examination certifying they are in reasonably good health. The physician must also determine the resident is free from communicable disease, chronic illness, or disability which would require any services beyond supervision, cueing, or limited hands-on physical assistance to carry out normal activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living.

The assisted living center must ensure an evaluation of each resident's care needs is documented at the time of admission, 30 days after admission, and annually thereafter, to determine the facility can meet the needs for each resident. The resident evaluation instrument must be approved by the department and must address at least the following:

1. Nursing care needs;
2. Medication administration needs;
3. Cognitive status, including instrumental activities of daily living;
4. Mental health status;
5. Physical abilities including activities of daily living, ambulation, and the need for assistive devices; and
6. Dietary needs.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.
44:04:04:12.01. Requirements for assisted living centers. Assisted living centers must meet the following requirements:

(1) Assisted living centers may not admit or retain residents who require more than intermittent nursing care or rehabilitation services;

(2) An assisted living center that admits or retains residents who require administration of medications must employ or contract with a licensed nurse who reviews and documents resident care and condition at least weekly. A registered nurse or registered pharmacist shall provide medication administration training pursuant to § 20:48:04:01 to unlicensed assistive personnel employed by the facility who will be administering medications. Licensed practical nurses who review resident care and condition must be in compliance with requirements for supervision pursuant to SDCL 36-9-4. Unlicensed assistive personnel must receive ongoing resident specific training for medication administration and annual training in all aspects of medication administration occurring at the facility;

(3) An assisted living center which admits or retains a resident with cognitive impairment must have the resident's physician determine and document if services offered by the facility continue to enhance the resident's functioning in activities of daily living. The physician shall identify if other disabilities and illnesses are impacting the resident's cognitive and mental functioning. The center must be approved for medication administration. All staff members must attend annual inservice training specified in § 44:04:04:05 with completion of subdivision (9) within one month after employment. The center must be equipped with exit alarms installed in compliance with subdivision 44:04:02:17(6);

(4) Assisted living centers that admit or retain residents with physical impairments that prevent them from walking independently must provide a call system in accordance with subdivision 44:04:02:17(3);

(5) Assisted living centers that admit or retain a resident not capable of self preservation must meet NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, 2000 edition, health care occupancy standards in chapter 18 or 19 or equip the facility with complete automatic sprinkler protection;

(6) Assisted living centers that admit or retain residents dependent on supplemental oxygen must train staff regarding oxygen safety, proper administration of oxygen, and must practice safe oxygen handling procedures; and

(7) Assisted living centers that admit or retain residents requiring a therapeutic diet must employ or contract a dietitian. The dietitian shall approve written menus and diet extensions, assess the resident's nutritional status and dietary needs, plan individual diets, and provide guidance to dietary staff in areas of preparation, service, and monitoring the resident's acceptance of the diet. The frequency of dietitian visits shall be at least quarterly or sooner as determined by the resident's dietary need and the facility's ability to implement the diet correctly.

Assisted living centers that intend to offer services identified in subdivisions (2) to (7), inclusive, of this section must comply with the additional requirements and request and receive approval printed on a new license from the department, prior to providing the additional services.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.


44:04:04:15. Transfer agreements. Each nursing facility must have in effect a transfer agreement with one or more hospitals sufficiently close to provide prompt inpatient hospital care to the facility's residents when needed. The agreement must provide for an interchange of medical and other information necessary or useful in the care and treatment of individuals transferred between the facilities.

Each specialized hospital and critical access hospital must have in effect a transfer agreement with one or more hospitals to provide services not available on site. The agreement must provide for an interchange of medical and other necessary information; and

Each ambulatory surgery center must have in effect a transfer agreement with a hospital sufficiently close to accept emergency transfer of patients.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:04:16. Quality assessment. Each licensed facility shall provide for on-going evaluation of the quality of services provided to patients or residents. Components of the quality assessment evaluation must include establishment of facility standards; interdisciplinary review of patient or resident services to identify deviations from the standards and actions taken to correct deviations; patient or resident satisfaction surveys; utilization of services provided; and documentation of the evaluation and report to the governing body.

Source: 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000; 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:04:17. Discharge planning. A facility must have policies and procedures for discharge planning including the person responsible, members of the discharge planning team, a list of all area agencies and resources, and a description of the process. Outside caregivers may be included in discharge planning conferences.
Within 24 hours after admission, a hospital must determine each patient's potential need for continuing care following discharge and within 48 hours a nursing facility and assisted living center must determine each resident's potential for discharge. The facility must initiate planning with applicable agencies to meet identified needs, and patients and residents must be offered assistance to obtain needed services upon discharge. Information necessary for coordination and continuity of care must be made available to whomever the patient or resident is discharged and to referral agencies as required by the discharge plan.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

CHAPTER 44:04:05

PHYSICIAN SERVICES

Section
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44:04:05:01. Admissions to hospitals. Each patient admitted to a hospital may be admitted only on the order of a practitioner and the patient's health care shall continue under the supervision of a physician who is a member of the medical staff. Before or on admission of a patient, the patient's physician must provide the staff of the facility with documented information regarding current medical findings, admitting diagnoses, and written orders for the immediate care of the individual.

The patient's history and physical examination must be completed no more than seven days prior to admission or 48 hours after admission; or within thirty days prior to admission with documentation of an update of the patient's current medical status completed within seven days prior to admission or 48 hours after admission. The patient's history and physical examination must be completed prior to surgery except in emergency situations.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 32 SDR 128, effective January 30, 2006.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:05:01.01. Admissions to nursing facilities. Each resident admitted to a nursing facility may be admitted only on the order of a physician. Prior to or upon admission of a resident,
the attending physician must provide the staff of the facility with documented information regarding current medical findings and with written orders for the immediate care of the individual. This information must include a medical evaluation, diagnosis, and rehabilitation potential. The information on the resident must be based on a physical examination done within 48 hours after admission unless the examination was performed within the five days prior to admission. The resident's health care shall continue under the supervision of a physician. If a resident transfers from one nursing facility to another while retaining the same physician, the requirement for the physical examination shall be waived; however, the schedule for physician visits shall continue.

The resident must be seen by the attending physician at least once every 30 days for the first 90 days following admission. Subsequent to the 90th day following admission, the physician shall visit the resident whenever necessary; but the time between visits may not exceed 60 days. A physician extender may conduct every other visit with the resident's permission.

The resident's total care program including medications and treatments must be reviewed during the physician's visits.

**Source:** 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 15 SDR 155, effective April 20, 1989; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 27 SDR 59, effective December 17, 2000; 28 SDR 83, effective December 16, 2001.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**44:04:05:02. Medical orders in hospitals and nursing facilities.** All medical orders must be in writing and signed by the physician or the physician extender. Telephone orders may be taken only when there is an urgent need to initiate or change a medical order. The physician or physician extender shall sign or initial the orders for nursing facility residents on the next visit to the facility. The physician or physician extender shall sign or initial the orders for all hospital patients as soon as possible. Each patient's or resident's physician is responsible for documenting written orders and progress notes on each patient's or resident's clinical record.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 27 SDR 59, effective December 17, 2000; 30 SDR 84, effective December 4, 2003.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**44:04:05:03. Emergency physician coverage for hospitals and nursing facilities.** A patient's or resident's physician shall arrange for the care of the patient or resident by an alternate physician during the physician's unavailability. A hospital must have one or more physicians on duty or call at all times and available to the hospital on-site or by telephone within 20 minutes to give necessary orders or medical care to patients in case of emergency.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 27 SDR 59, effective December 17, 2000.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.
44:04:05:04. Transferred to § 44:04:04:02.01.

44:04:05:05. Physician services for assisted living center. An assisted living center must ensure the availability of a physician as defined in subdivision 44:04:01:01(41) or physician extender for physician services for residents of the center. Each resident must designate an attending physician upon admission. Emergency and arranged medical care must be in accord with written policies and procedures of the center. All residents must be seen by a physician at intervals in keeping with their condition, but at least once a year.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000; 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:05:06. Physician extenders. If the services of a physician extender are utilized, the facility must develop written policies regarding the extender's role in the care of the patient or resident.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:05:07. Medical director required. A critical access hospital and a nursing facility must appoint a physician licensed in South Dakota to serve as a medical director. The medical director shall assure physician services are provided only by qualified caregivers.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:05:08. Physician services for hospice facilities. A hospice facility must provide or arrange for physician services, including emergencies. Each resident must designate an attending physician upon admission.

Source: 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

CHAPTER 44:04:06

NURSING AND RELATED CARE SERVICES

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44:04:06:01. Nursing service for hospitals and nursing facilities. All hospitals and nursing facilities must comply with §§ 44:04:06:02 to 44:04:06:05, inclusive.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:06:02. Organized nursing service. There shall be an organized nursing service with a written organizational plan that delineates its functional structure.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:06:03. Director of nursing service. There must be a full-time registered nurse designated as the director of nursing service who is responsible for the organization of the total nursing service and who serves during the day shift. The director may not serve in a dual role as the administrator of the facility and the director of nursing.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 17 SDR 122, February 24, 1991; 22 SDR 70, effective November 22, 1995.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:06:04. Nursing policies and procedures. Policies and procedures that provide the nursing staff with methods of meeting its administrative and technical responsibilities in providing care to patients or residents must be established and maintained. The policies must include at least the following:

(1) The noting of diagnostic and therapeutic orders;
(2) Assigning the nursing care of patients or residents;
(3) Administration and control of medications;
(4) Charting by nursing personnel;
Infection control;
Patient or resident safety; and
Delineation of orders from nonphysician practitioners.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 30 SDR 84, effective December 4, 2003.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:06:05. Patient or resident care plans and programs. The nursing service of a health care facility must provide safe and effective care from the day of admission through the ongoing development and implementation of written care plans for each patient or resident. The care plan must address medical, physical, mental, and emotional needs of the patient or resident. The health care facility must establish and implement procedures for assessment and management of symptoms including pain.

The care plan for nursing facility residents must be based on the resident assessments required in §§ 44:04:06:15 and 44:04:06:16 and must be developed and approved by the resident's physician; the resident, the resident's family, or the resident's legal representative; the interdisciplinary team consisting of at least a licensed nurse, the facility's social worker or social service designee, the dietary manager or dietitian, the activities coordinator, and other staff in disciplines determined by the resident's needs. The care plan shall describe the services necessary to meet the resident's medical, physical, mental or cognitive, nursing, and psychosocial needs and shall contain objectives and timetables to attain and maintain the highest level of functioning of the resident. The care plan must be completed within seven days after the completion of each resident assessment required in §§ 44:04:06:15 and 44:04:06:16.

Each nursing facility must provide restorative care services to meet resident needs.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

Cross-Reference: Record content, § 44:04:09:05(4).


Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 17 SDR 122, effective February 24, 1991; repealed, 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:06:06.01. Nursing home quality assessment and assurance committee. Repealed.

Source: 17 SDR 122, effective February 24, 1991; repealed, 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.
44:04:06:07. **Special duty nurses.** Repealed.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; repealed, 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

44:04:06:08. **Nursing service staffing for hospitals.** All hospitals must maintain a sufficient number of registered nurses and other qualified nursing personnel on duty at all times to provide supervision of and nursing care for all patients. A registered nurse must be designated as charge nurse for each nursing care unit at all times except that a critical access hospital is required to staff with a registered nurse only when there are acute care patients present. A critical access hospital is required to staff with a licensed nurse when there are only swing bed patients present. Written staffing patterns must be developed for each patient care unit, including surgical and obstetrical suites, emergency services, special care units, and other services. Registered nurses must be in charge of the operating room, function as supervisory nurse in the operating room, be in attendance at all deliveries of obstetrical patients, supervise obstetrical nursing service, and supervise the nursing care of newborn infants.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:06:09. **Nursing service staffing for nursing facilities.** Each nursing facility must maintain a licensed nurse in charge of nursing activities during each tour of duty. The director of nursing may not serve as charge nurse in a nursing facility with an average daily occupancy of 60 or more residents. Adequate staff must be provided to meet the resident's total care needs at all times. The ratio of registered and licensed practical nurses to aides and orderlies must be sufficient to assure professional guidance and supervision in the nursing care of the patients.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 31 SDR 62, effective November 7, 2004.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:06:10. **Nursing service staffing for intermediate care facilities.** Repealed.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; repealed, 20 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

44:04:06:11. **Resident care for assisted living center.** All assisted living centers must maintain one staff person on duty at all times and a minimum of 0.8 hours of direct resident care by personnel of the center for each resident for each 24-hour period. Each resident must receive daily care by facility personnel as needed to keep skin, nails, hair, mouth, clothing, and body clean and healthy. The facility must provide linens, equipment, and supplies for personal care and for other activities of daily living commensurate with the needs of the resident served. Outside services utilized by residents must comply with and complement facility care policies. The facility
must have documentation that assures that the individual needs of residents are identified and addressed.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:06:11.01. Intermittent nursing care. Skilled nursing services or rehabilitation services provided to residents of assisted living centers must be limited to less than eight hours per day and 28 or fewer hours each week. The service providing the care must specify a planned completion date based on the assessments conducted. An unlicensed employee of a licensed facility may not accept any delegated skilled tasks from any nonemployed, noncontracted skilled nursing and therapy providers pursuant to SDCL chapters 36-9, 36-10, and 36-31.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:06:12. Transferred to § 44:04:12:05.

44:04:06:13. Hospice services. Each facility offering hospice services must provide services to terminally ill individuals or arrange for such services by a hospice program under a written plan established and periodically reviewed by the individual's attending physician. The hospice agency must provide for care and services in the licensed facility, the individual's home, on an outpatient basis, or on a short-term inpatient basis. Personnel providing hospice care must include at least one physician, one registered nurse, and one social worker. An unlicensed employee of a licensed facility may not accept any delegated skilled tasks from any hospice providers pursuant to SDCL chapter 36-9.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.


44:04:06:15. Resident assessments. Each nursing facility must make a comprehensive assessment of the functional, medical, mental, nursing, and psychosocial needs of each resident within 14 calendar days after the date of admission.

The facility must use the resident assessment instrument described in the Long Term Care Resident Assessment Instrument User's Manual or an instrument substantially equivalent as determined by the department.
The resident assessment must be completed with participation of the interdisciplinary team, the resident, and the resident's family or legal representative.

A registered nurse must conduct or coordinate the completion of the resident assessment process. The registered nurse must receive resident assessment instrument training provided or approved by the department and the Department of Social Services.

The facility must ensure that staff who participate in the assessment process are trained to complete an accurate and comprehensive assessment. Each individual who completes a portion of the resident assessment instrument must sign that portion of the assessment and certify to its accuracy.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.


44:04:06:16. Resident assessment reviews. A nursing facility must periodically reassess each resident by conducting a resident assessment review that meets the requirements in § 44:04:06:15. Resident assessment reviews must be completed on the following schedule:

(1) Every 90 days after the date of admission or significant change;

(2) Within 14 days after the determination of a significant change by the interdisciplinary team. A significant change determination may be considered if there is a deterioration in physical functioning; in cognition, behavior, mood, or relationships; or other deterioration in health indicating an interdisciplinary review and revision of the care plan is necessary; and

(3) Within 14 days after a marked or sudden improvement in the resident's health.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:06:17. Nursing service staffing for hospice facilities. All licensed hospice facilities must maintain a sufficient number of registered nurses and other qualified personnel, directly or by contract, to provide supervision of care for all residents. A registered nurse must be designated as charge nurse and responsible for the overall care of the residents. Written staffing patterns must be developed including instructions for contacting support service personnel. All hospice staff must have been specifically trained to provide care for the terminally ill.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
CHAPTER 44:04:07
DIETETIC SERVICES

44:04:07:01. Dietetic standards for all facilities. All facilities must comply with §§ 44:04:07:02 to 44:04:07:05, inclusive.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:07:02. Dietetic services. There must be an organized dietetic service that meets the daily nutritional needs of patients or residents and ensures that food is stored, prepared, distributed, and served in a manner that is safe, wholesome, and sanitary in accordance with § 44:04:07:06.

44:04:07:02.01. **Food safety.** The dietetic service must ensure that food is prepared and served in a manner that is safe and palatable. Hot food must be held at or above 140 degrees Fahrenheit (60 degrees Centigrade) and served promptly after being removed from the temperature holding device. Cold foods must be held at or below 41 degrees Fahrenheit (5 degrees centigrade) and served promptly after being removed from the holding device. Milk and milk products must be from a source approved by the state Department of Agriculture. Fluid milk must be Grade A, and only fluid milk may be used for drinking purposes. Grade A pasteurized dried milk may be used to fortify nutritional supplements only if consumed within four hours of preparation.

**Source:** 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000.
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:07:02.02. **Nutritional adequacy.** The dietetic service must ensure that food prepared is nutritionally adequate in accordance with the Recommended Dietary Allowances and is chosen from each of the five basic food groups listed in the *Food Guide Pyramid*, 1996 or 2005, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, U.S. Department of Agriculture, in accordance with consideration for individual needs and reasonable preferences.

**Source:** 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000; 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002; 30 SDR 84, effective December 4, 2003; 32 SDR 128, effective January 30, 2006.
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.


44:04:07:02.03. **Food substitutions.** Reasonable substitutions of equal nutritional value shall be offered to patients or residents who refuse or are unable to eat the food served.

**Source:** 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 31 SDR 62, effective November 7, 2004.
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.
44:04:07:02.04. **Food supply.** An on-site supply of nonperishable foods adequate to meet the requirements of planned menus for three days must be maintained.

**Source:** 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:07:02.05. **Therapeutic diets.** In licensed facilities the dietetic service must provide for the needs of those patients or residents requiring therapeutic diets.

**Source:** 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000.
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**Cross-Reference:** Requirements for assisted living centers, § 44:04:04:12.01.

44:04:07:02.06. **Social needs.** In nursing facilities and assisted living centers the dietetic service, in cooperation with other departments or services, must meet the social needs of the residents in the dining setting. Social needs include mutually compatible seating arrangements, pleasant dining atmosphere, encouragement of interactions between residents, and food service to all residents at a table at approximately the same time.

**Source:** 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 28 SDR 83, effective December 16, 2001.
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:07:03. **Written dietetic policies.** There must be written policies and procedures that govern all dietetic activities. Policies must include food handling procedures, length of duration for leftovers, and opened packages of commercially prepared food in accordance with chapter 44:02:07, the Food Service Code. Policies and procedures must be reviewed yearly and revised as necessary.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002.
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**Reference:** **Article 44:02, Lodging and Food Service,** Administrative Rules of South Dakota, contains the Food Service Code and may be obtained from Legislative Mail, 1320 East Sioux Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, telephone (605) 773-4935, for $3.30 and **Food Code,** U.S. Public Health Service, FDA, 1999, and may be obtained from U.S. Department of Commerce Technology Administration National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161, 1-800-553-6847 for $45.

44:04:07:04. **Written menus.** Any regular and therapeutic menu, including therapeutic diet menu extensions for all diets served in the facility, must be written, prepared, and served as prescribed by each patient's or resident's physician. Each menu must be written at least one week in advance. Each planned menu must be approved, signed, and dated by the dietitian for all
facilities except assisted living centers without therapeutic diet services. Any menu changes from
month to month must be reviewed by the dietitian and each menu must be reviewed and approved
by the dietitian at least annually where applicable. Each menu as served must meet the nutritional
needs of the patients or residents in accordance with the physician's orders and the Recommended
served must be filed and retained for 30 days.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective
December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23,

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

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44:04:07:05. Preparation of food. Food must be wholesome and prepared by methods that
conserve nutritive value, flavor, and appearance and must be attractively served at the temperature
applicable to the particular food in a form to meet the individual patient's or resident's needs.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:07:06. Additional dietetic standards for hospitals and nursing facilities. In
addition to §§ 44:04:07:02 to 44:04:07:05, inclusive, hospitals and nursing facilities must comply
with §§ 44:04:07:07 to 44:04:07:09, inclusive. Nursing facilities must also comply with

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective
December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 29 SDR 81, effective December

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:07:07. Director of dietetic services. A full time dietary manager who is responsible
to the administrator shall direct the dietetic services. Any dietary manager that has not completed a
Dietary Manager's course, approved by the Dietary Managers Association, must enroll in a course
within 90 days of the hire date and complete the course within 18 months. The dietary manager
and at least one cook must successfully complete and possess a current certificate from a ServSafe
Food Protection Program offered by various retailers or the Certified Food Protection
Professional's Sanitation Course offered by the Dietary Managers Association, or successfully
completed equivalent training as determined by the Health Department. The dietary manager shall
monitor the dietetic service to ensure that the nutritional and therapeutic dietary needs for each
patient or resident are met. If the dietary manager is not a dietitian, the facility shall schedule
dietitian consultations onsite at least monthly. The dietitian must approve all menus, assess the
nutritional status of patients or residents with problems identified in the assessment, and review
and revise dietetic policies and procedures during scheduled visits. Adequate staff whose working hours are scheduled to meet the dietetic needs of the patients or residents must be on duty daily over a period of 12 or more hours in nursing facilities or 10 or more hours in hospitals.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 28 SDR 83, effective December 16, 2001; 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:07:07.01. Hospitals without in-house dietary departments. Each hospital without an in-house dietary department must develop and maintain a written contract or agreement for dietary services for the patients. The facility must have a person responsible to the administrator who monitors the receiving, storage, and service of the food to patients in accordance with § 44:04:07:02. The facility must have at least one full-time person who has completed the ServSafe Food Protection Program and possesses a current certificate.

Each hospital without an in-house dietary department must employ or contract a qualified dietitian and schedule a minimum of monthly on-site consultations. The facility's dietitian shall review the facility's food contract agreement and make recommendations. The facility's dietitian shall review, sign, and approve menus annually. The facility's dietitian shall review menus served monthly, oversee the operation of the dietetic services, assess the nutritional status and needs of patients, and review and revise the dietetic service policies and procedures.

Source: 30 SDR 84, effective December 4, 2003.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:07:08. Transferred to § 44:04:07:04.

44:04:07:09. Diet manual. A current therapeutic diet manual with description of all diets served in the facility must be readily available in the facility to food service personnel, nursing service personnel, and practitioners.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.


Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 30 SDR 84, effective December 4, 2003.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.
44:04:07:11. Frequency of meals. At least three meals must be served daily at regular times with not more than a 14-hour span between a substantial evening meal and breakfast.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:07:12. Dining arrangements. The facility must provide environmental and social accommodations for each patient or resident to encourage eating in the common dining area. Assistance must be provided for patients or residents in need of help in eating.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:07:13. Diet manual in assisted living centers. A current diet manual including basic nutrition information must be available in all assisted living centers.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:07:14. Nutritional assessments. A registered dietitian shall ensure a nutritional assessment is completed on each new resident upon admission; any resident having a significant change in diet, eating ability, or nutritional status; monthly for any resident receiving tube feedings; and on any resident with a disease or condition that puts the resident at significant nutritional risk. A monthly tube feeding assessment must include nutritional adequacy of calories, protein, and fluids. An annual assessment shall be completed for each resident.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:07:15. Person-in-charge of dietary services in assisted living centers. The person-in-charge of dietary services in assisted living centers shall possess a current certificate from a ServSafe Food Protection Course, the Certified Food Protection Professional's Sanitation Course from the Dietary Managers Association, or equivalent training determined by the Health Department.

Source: 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002; 30 SDR 84, effective December 4, 2003.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:07:16. Required dietary inservice training. The dietary manager or the dietitian in hospitals and nursing facilities, and the person-in-charge of dietary services or the dietitian in assisted living centers shall provide ongoing inservice training for all dietary and food-handling
employees. The person-in-charge of any hospital without an in-house dietary department that uses a contracted dietary service shall provide ongoing inservice training for all dietary and food-handling employees. Topics shall include: food safety, handwashing, food handling and preparation techniques, food-borne illnesses, serving and distribution procedures, leftover food handling policies, time and temperature controls for food preparation and service, nutrition and hydration, and sanitation requirements.

**Source:** 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002; 30 SDR 84, effective December 4, 2003.
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**44:04:07:17. Nursing facility nutrition and hydration assistance program.** A nursing facility may develop a program to train nutrition and hydration assistants. The program must be approved by the department. To be approved by the department, the program must include instruction from a speech therapist and registered dietitian and consist of ten hours of training and clinical experience.

**Source:** 31 SDR 62, effective November 7, 2004; 32 SDR 128, effective January 30, 2006.
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**CHAPTER 44:04:08  
MEDICATION CONTROL**

Section
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**44:04:08:01. Medication control in hospitals and nursing facilities.** Hospitals and nursing facilities must comply with §§ 44:04:08:02 to 44:04:08:05, inclusive, in regard to medication control.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.
44:04:08:02. Policies and procedures. Methods and written policies and procedures must be established to include the manner of issuance, proper storage, control, accountability, and administration of medications or drugs in each hospital or nursing facility. If any patient or resident is permitted to self-administer medications, the facility's policies and procedures related to self-administered drugs must include a description of the responsibilities of the patient or resident, the patient's or resident's family members, and the facility staff. The facility must provide written educational material explaining to the patient or resident and the patient's or resident's family the patient's or resident's rights and responsibilities associated with self-administration. Each nursing facility must keep a list of the following in the drug storage area for reference:

1. Generic and trade names for drugs substituted within the facility;
2. Drugs with unique requirements for administration, used within the facility, including enteric coatings, sublingual, buccal, and sustained release dosage forms; and
3. Drugs controlled under SDCL 34-20B that are used within the facility.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 24 SDR 90, effective January 4, 1998; 28 SDR 83, effective December 16, 2001; 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:08:03. Written orders for medication required. All medications or drugs administered to patients or residents must be ordered in writing and signed by the prescribing practitioner. Telephone orders for medications or drugs may be taken only when there is an urgent need to initiate or change an order and accepted only by a pharmacist or licensed nurse in both hospitals and nursing facilities. The practitioner shall sign or initial the orders for nursing facility residents on the next visit to the facility. The practitioner shall sign or initial the orders for hospital patients as soon as possible. In hospitals a policy on stop orders for antibiotics, anticoagulants, and controlled drugs must be established based on recommendations of the medical staff. In nursing facilities, a policy on stop orders for anticoagulants, antibiotics, narcotics, sedatives, hypnotics, and central nervous system stimulants must be established.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:08:03.01. Drug therapy reviewed monthly. The pharmaceutical service must be under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist who is responsible to the administrator for developing, coordinating, and supervising medication control. The pharmacist must review the drug regimen of each nursing facility resident or swing bed patient at least monthly. In an assisted living center with approval for medication administration, the pharmacist must review the drug regimen at least monthly of only those residents who require administration of medications. The pharmacist must review, at a minimum, the resident's or patient's diagnosis, the drug regimen, and any pertinent laboratory findings and dietary considerations. The pharmacist must report potential drug therapy irregularities and make recommendations for improving the drug therapy of the residents or patients to the attending physician and the administrator. The pharmacist must document the review by preparing a monthly report of the potential irregularities and
recommendations. The administrator must retain the report in the nursing facility, assisted living center with approval for medication administration, or hospital.

**Source:** 15 SDR 155, effective April 20, 1989; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000; 28 SDR 83, effective December 16, 2001.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:08:04. Storage and labeling of medications and drugs. All drugs or medications must be stored in a well illuminated, locked storage area which is well ventilated, maintained at a temperature appropriate for drug storage, and inaccessible to patients, residents, or visitors at all times. Medications suitable for storage at room temperature must be maintained between 59 and 86 degrees Fahrenheit (15 and 30 degrees centigrade). Medications that require refrigeration must be maintained between 36 and 46 degrees Fahrenheit (2 and 8 degrees centigrade). Poisons and medications prescribed for external use must be stored separately from internal medications, locked and made inaccessible to patients or residents.

In hospitals, locked storage does not apply to drugs and medications needed for emergency use in intensive care, emergency room, neonatal intensive care, pediatric intensive care, or coronary care units. Drugs and medications utilized in these care units must be in a storage area which is readily available to the professional staff but inaccessible to patients or visitors.

The medications or drugs of each patient or resident for whom medications are facility-administered must be stored in the containers in which they were originally received and may not be transferred to another container. Special modification of this requirement may be made when single dose packaging is used. Each prescription drug container, including manufacturer's complimentary samples, must be labeled with the patient's or resident's name, practitioner's name, drug name and strength, directions for use, and prescription date. Containers with contents that will not be used within 30 days of issue or with contents that expire in less than 30 days of issue must bear an expiration date. If a single dose system is used, the drug name and strength, expiration date, and a control number must be on the unit dose packet. A nursing facility, a co-located nursing facility and assisted living center, a co-located hospital and assisted living center, or an assisted living center with 24 hour per day licensed nursing staff may procure and stock, including in bulk form, nonlegend medications and administer them in accordance with written policies and procedures that provide for oversight by qualified personnel.

If a stock bottle system is used in a hospital or a nursing facility with a licensed pharmacy, the container must be labeled with the drug name and strength, expiration date, and a control number. Any container with a worn, illegible, or missing label must be destroyed pursuant to § 44:04:08:04.02. Licensed pharmacists are responsible for the labeling, relabeling, or altering of labels on medication containers.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977; 5 SDR 29, effective October 22, 1978; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 15 SDR 155, effective April 20, 1989; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000; 27 SDR 59, effective December 17, 2000; 28 SDR 83, effective December 16, 2001.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.
44:04:08:04.01. **Control and accountability of medications and drugs.** Medications brought from home may be used if ordered by the attending physician and, if prior to administration, is identified as the prescribed drug. Medications prescribed for one patient or resident may not be administered to another. Patients or residents in licensed health care facilities may not keep medications on their person or in their room without a physician's order allowing self-administration. Written authorization by the attending physician must be secured for the release of any medication to a patient or resident upon discharge, transfer, or temporary leave from the facility. The release of medication must be documented in the patient's or resident's record, indicating quantity, drug name, and strength.


**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:08:04.02. **Documentation of drug disposal.** If a hospital or nursing facility has a licensed pharmacy, outdated or discontinued medications must be returned to the pharmacy for disposition. In the absence of a licensed pharmacy, the method of disposition of outdated or discontinued medications must be handled and recorded in the patient's or resident's medical record as follows:

1. Legend drugs not controlled under SDCL 34-20B must be destroyed by a professional nurse and another witness;
2. Medications controlled under SDCL 34-20B must be destroyed in the facility by a pharmacist and a registered nurse; and
3. Medications, excluding controlled substances listed in SDCL chapter 34-20B, in unit dose packaging which meets packaging standards in § 20:51:13:02.01 may be returned to the pharmacy pursuant to § 20:51:13:02.01.

**Source:** 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 24 SDR 90, effective January 4, 1998.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:08:05. **Administration of medications and drugs.** Medication administration records must be used and regularly checked against the physician's orders. Except in hospitals having admixtures programs, a person may not administer medications that have been prepared by another person. Nursing facilities must obtain solid dosage forms of medications from pharmacists in the specific dosage needed by the residents of the facility.

Each medication administered must be recorded in the patient's or resident's medical record and signed by the individual responsible. Medication errors and drug reactions must be reported to the patient's or resident's physician and an entry made in the patient's or resident's medical record. Orders involving abbreviations and chemical symbols may be carried out only if the facility has a standard list of abbreviations and symbols approved by the medical staff or, in the absence of an organized medical staff, by the medical director and the list is available to the nursing staff. In
hospitals and nursing facilities all medications must be administered to patients by personnel acting under delegation of a licensed nurse, or licensed to administer medications.

In an assisted living center approved for medication administration, a resident with the cognitive ability to understand may self-administer medications. At least every three months, the supervising nurse or the physician must evaluate and record the continued appropriateness of the resident's ability to self-administer medications.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:08:06. Administration of hospital or nursing facility pharmacy. The pharmaceutical service of each hospital or nursing facility with a licensed full or part-time pharmacy must be directed by a licensed pharmacist accountable to the administration of the hospital or nursing facility. Only prepackaged drugs or a single dose unit may be removed from the pharmacy when the pharmacist is not available. These drugs may be removed only by a designated registered nurse or physician in amounts sufficient only for immediate therapeutic needs. A record of such withdrawals must be made by the designated nurse or the physician making the withdrawal.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 24 SDR 90, effective January 4, 1998.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:08:07. Stock of legend drugs prohibited in nursing facilities -- Exception. Legend drugs or medications may not be stocked in bulk form in nursing facilities except in nursing facilities which employ a licensed pharmacist full or part time to supervise, within the facility, the procurement, storage, and dispensing of such drugs and medications. Nursing facilities without a pharmacy shall use the emergency drug box kept on the premises pursuant to § 44:04:08:07.01 or obtain emergency medications from a pharmacy licensed to distribute to outpatients.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:08:07.01. Controlled drugs kept for emergency use. In nursing facilities, controlled drugs may be kept for emergency use under the following circumstances:

(1) The pharmacist supplying the controlled drugs maintains ownership and responsibility for the drugs, including a monthly physical inventory;

(2) The controlled drugs are stored in a manner that allows only those individuals authorized to administer the drugs access to them;
The controlled drugs are stored in a sealed emergency box or in a separate locked cabinet, with a complete and accurate record kept of the drugs in the box or cabinet and of their disposition;

The facility notifies the pharmacist within 36 hours after the withdrawal of a Schedule II drug and within 72 hours after the withdrawal of Schedule III and IV drugs and the pharmacist replaces the drugs within 72 hours after notification; and

No more than 5 different controlled drugs are stored in the emergency box, which may contain no more than 6 doses of any Schedule II controlled drug, no more than 6 doses of any Schedule III or IV injectable controlled drug, and no more than 12 doses of any oral Schedule III or IV controlled drug.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:08:08. Assisted living center medication control. Each assisted living center must establish and practice methods and procedures for medication control which include the following:

1. A requirement that each resident's prescribing practitioner provide to the center written signed orders for any medications taken by the resident;

2. Provision for proper storage of prescribed medications which is inaccessible to residents or visitors. Residents may not keep medications or drugs on their persons or in their rooms except with written orders from their prescribing practitioner;

3. Provisions for the separate storage of poisons, topical medications, and oral medications;

4. A requirement that each resident's medication be stored in the container in which it was originally received and not transferred to another container;

5. A requirement that the medication prescribed for one resident not be administered to any other resident;

6. A requirement that self-administration of medications be accomplished with the supervision of a designated employee of the center;

7. If any resident of the facility cannot assume responsibility for medication self-administration or self-directed assistance with medication administration or if the assisted living center is approved to provide services to cognitively impaired residents as noted in subdivision 44:04:04:12.01(3), the facility must also be approved by the department to provide medication administration;

8. If medication administration is provided, it must comply with §§ 44:04:08:02 to 44:04:08:05, inclusive, and with the requirements for training in §§ 20:48:04.01:14 and 20:48:04.01:15 and supervision in § 20:48:04.01:02. The supervising nurse shall provide an orientation to the unlicensed assistive personnel who will administer medications. The orientation
must be specific to the facility and relevant to the residents receiving administered medications; and

(9) A written procedure for the proper disposition of medicines which are discontinued because of the discharge or death of the resident, because the drug is outdated, or because the prescription is no longer appropriate to the care of the resident.

Each original prescription drug container including any manufacturer's complimentary sample must be labeled with patient or resident name, drug name and strength, practitioner's name, directions for use, and prescription date. Any container with contents that will not be used within 30 days after issue or with contents that expire in less than 30 days after issue must bear an expiration date. When a single-dose system is used, the drug name and strength, expiration date, and a control number must be on the unit dose packet. Any container with a worn, illegible, or missing label must be destroyed. The labeling, relabeling, or altering of labels on medication containers must be done by licensed pharmacists.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 15 SDR 155, effective April 20, 1989; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 24 SDR 90, effective January 4, 1998; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000; 27 SDR 59, effective December 17, 2000; 28 SDR 83, effective December 16, 2001.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**Cross-Reference:** Documentation of drug disposal, § 44:04:08:04.02.

**44:04:08:09. Qualifications of medication aide.** Repealed.

**Source:** 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; repealed, 23 SDR 195, effective May 26, 1997.

**44:04:08:10. Length of medication aide training.** Repealed.

**Source:** 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; repealed, 23 SDR 195, effective May 26, 1997.

**44:04:08:11. Course content for medication aides.** Repealed.

**Source:** 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; repealed, 23 SDR 195, effective May 26, 1997.

**44:04:08:12. Restrictions in course content.** Repealed.

**Source:** 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; repealed, 23 SDR 195, effective May 26, 1997.

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CHAPTER 44:04:09

MEDICAL RECORD SERVICES

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44:04:09:11 Disposition of medical or care records on closure of facility or transfer of ownership.
44:04:09:12 Repealed.

44:04:09:01. Record services for hospitals and nursing facilities. All hospitals and nursing facilities must comply with §§ 44:04:09:02 to 44:04:09:05, inclusive.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.
44:04:09:02. Medical record department. There must be an organized medical record system. A medical record must be maintained for each level of care for each patient or resident admitted to the facility.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:09:03. Medical record department staff. The medical record functions must be performed by persons trained and equipped to facilitate the accurate processing, checking, indexing, filing, and retrieval of all medical records. The individual responsible for the medical records service must have knowledge and training in the field of medical records.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:09:04. Written policies and confidentiality of records. There must be written policies and procedures to govern the administration and activities of the medical record service. They must include policies and procedures pertaining to the confidentiality and safeguarding of medical records, the record content, continuity of a patient's or resident's medical records during subsequent admissions, requirements for completion of the record, and the entries to be made by various authorized personnel.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:09:05. Record content. Each medical record must show the condition of the patient or resident from the time of admission until discharge and must include the following:

1. Identification data;
2. Consent forms, except when unobtainable;
3. History of the patient or resident;
4. A current overall plan of care;
5. Report of the initial and periodic physical examinations, evaluations, and all plans of care with subsequent changes;
6. Diagnostic and therapeutic orders;
7. Progress notes from all disciplines, including practitioners, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech pathology;
8. Laboratory and radiology reports;
9. Description of treatments, diet, and services provided and medications administered;
(10) All indications of an illness or an injury, including the date, the time, and the action taken regarding each;

(11) A final diagnosis; and

(12) A discharge summary, including all discharge instructions for home care.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:09:06. Record service for assisted living centers. Each assisted living center must maintain a care record on each resident; must have written procedures for documentation, filing, and retrieval of records; and must have written policies to safeguard the residents' records against destruction, loss, and unauthorized use. The resident care records are to include the following:

(1) Admission and discharge data including disposition of unused medications;
(2) Report of the physician's admission physical evaluation for resident;
(3) Physician orders;
(4) Medication entries;
(5) Observations by personnel, resident's physician, or other persons authorized to care for the resident; and
(6) Documentation that assures the individual needs of residents are identified and addressed.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 27 SDR 59, effective December 17, 2000; 30 SDR 84, effective December 4, 2003.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:09:07. Authentication. A health care facility must ensure entries to the medical or care record are signed or electronically authenticated. If the facility permits any portion of the medical or care record to be generated by electronic or optical means, policies and procedures must exist to prohibit the use of authentication by unauthorized users.

Source: 19 SDR 172, effective May 19, 1993; 27 SDR 59, effective December 17, 2000; 30 SDR 84, effective December 4, 2003.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:09:08. Retention of medical or care records. A health care facility must retain medical or care records for a minimum of ten years from the actual visit date of service or resident care. The retention of the record for ten years is not affected by additional and future visit dates. Records of minors must be retained until the minor reaches the age of majority plus an additional two years, but no less than ten years from the actual visit date of service or resident care. Initial, annual, and significant-change resident assessment records, as required in §§ 44:04:06:15 and 44:04:06:16, must be retained for ten years from the actual visit date of resident care. The retention of the record for ten years is not affected by additional and future visit dates.
44:04:09:09. Storage of medical or care records. A health care facility must provide for filing, safe storage, and easy accessibility of medical or care records. The medical or care records must be preserved as original records or in other readily retrievable and reproducible form. Medical or care records must be protected against access by unauthorized individuals. All medical or care records must be retained by the health care facility upon change of ownership.

44:04:09:10. Destruction of medical or care records. After the minimum retention period of ten years from the actual visit date of care outlined in § 44:04:09:08, the medical or care record may be destroyed at the discretion of the health care facility. Before the destruction of the medical or care record, the health care facility must prepare and retain a patient or resident index or abstract. The patient or resident index or abstract must include:

1. Name;
2. Medical record number;
3. Date of birth;
4. Summary of visit dates;
5. Attending or admitting physician; and
6. Diagnosis or diagnosis code.

The health care facility must destroy the medical or care record in a way that maintains confidentiality.

44:04:09:11. Disposition of medical or care records on closure of facility or transfer of ownership. If a health care facility ceases operation, the facility must provide for safe storage and prompt retrieval of medical or care records and the patient or resident indexes specified in § 44:04:09:10. The health care facility may arrange storage of medical or care records with another health care facility of the same licensure classification, transfer medical or care records to another health care provider at the request of the patient or resident, relinquish medical records to the patient or resident or the patient's or resident's parent or legal guardian, or arrange storage of
remaining medical records with a third party vendor who undertakes such a storage activity. At least 30 days before closure, the health care facility must notify the department in writing indicating the provisions for the safe preservation of medical or care records and their location and publish in a local newspaper the location and disposition arrangements of the medical or care records.

If ownership of the health care facility is transferred, the new owner shall maintain the medical or care records as if there was not a change in ownership.

**Source:** 19 SDR 172, effective May 19, 1993; 27 SDR 59, effective December 17, 2000.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**Cross-Reference:** Storage of medical or care records, § 44:04:09:09.

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### CHAPTER 44:04:10

**HOSPITAL DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES**

- **44:04:10:01. Clinical laboratory services.** Each hospital must provide for emergency laboratory services which are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including holidays. The laboratory must hold a valid Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) certificate. Laboratory examinations necessary for diagnosis and treatment of the patient must be performed in the hospital or by arrangement. Laboratory examinations required on hospital admissions are determined by the medical staff and bylaws. The original laboratory report must be made a part of the patient's medical record. Fire and safety precautions must be enforced to protect against physical, chemical, and biological hazards peculiar to the laboratory.

  **Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002.
44:04:10:02. Clinical pathology services. Each hospital laboratory must have the services of a pathologist available within the facility or by arrangement. The pathologist or a representative must provide technical oversight at least quarterly. The pathologist must examine tissues removed from hospital patients as outlined in hospital policy. Pathology services by arrangement must be governed by written policies and procedures establishing guidelines for the prompt transportation of specimens and submission of reports.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:10:03. Technical laboratory operations. Each hospital laboratory must have a policy and procedural manual for each phase of operation. There must be a quality control program to insure the reliability of laboratory test data. Each item of diagnostic test equipment must be routinely checked and must be precise in terms of calibration as shown by records maintained in the laboratory.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:10:04. Blood transfusion services. Each general hospital and specialized hospital providing transfusion services must provide facilities and equipment for the procurement, storage, and administration of whole blood and blood products. The transfusion service must be under the supervision of a qualified director. The medical staff or an equivalent committee which includes a pathologist must review all transfusions and transfusion reactions and make recommendations concerning policies and procedures governing such practices.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:10:05. Diagnostic x-ray services. Each hospital must provide for emergency diagnostic x-ray services which are available 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, including holidays, except for specialized hospitals which can document to the satisfaction of the department that this service is not essential to the specialty being served. Safety and sanitation procedures as required by the department for the radiological service which will protect the patient and the radiological
worker shall be established and enforced. There must be a quality control program with records maintained in the facility.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

Cross-Reference: Radiation safety, art 44:03.

44:04:10:06. Radiological service policies and manuals required. There must be a policy and procedural manual for all phases of the radiological services. If radioactive isotopes are to be used within the facility, policies which are approved by the medical staff must be established.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:10:07. Radiological department personnel. There shall be trained personnel to provide the scope of services offered by the facility. If therapeutic radiological services are provided, the services must be under the direct supervision of a radiologist.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:10:08. Radiological reports. Complete signed reports of the interpretations of all radiological examinations made by practitioners shall be made a part of the patient's clinical record. The radiological department must have a policy that requires any record to be retained for at least ten years and any film to be retained for at least five years.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

CHAPTER 44:04:11

HOSPITAL COMPLEMENTARY SERVICES

Section
44:04:11:01 Surgical services.
44:04:11:02 Surgical records.
44:04:11:03 Obstetric and newborn services.
44:04:11:04 Emergency services.
44:04:11:05 Anesthesia services.
44:04:11:01. Surgical services. Each hospital in which surgery is performed must maintain an operating suite with appropriate equipment, including an X-ray view box or film illuminator. The suite must be supervised by a registered nurse with training and experience in operating room services. There must be written policies for surgical services which govern surgical staff privileges, supportive services of other professional and paramedical personnel, and operating suite procedures. Policies and procedures pertaining to safety controls shall be developed and implemented. Safety controls shall be posted. A roster of surgical staff members which delineates the surgical privileges of each member shall be maintained on file in the operating suite.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000; 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:11:02. Surgical records. When surgery is performed, the following record requirements apply:

(1) An operating room register must be maintained;

(2) The patient's medical record, including at least a medical history, a copy of the physician's examination, copies of laboratory tests, a signed consent for the surgical procedure to be performed, and a preoperative diagnosis, must be made available in the surgical suite at the time of surgery; and

(3) An accurate and complete description of the operative procedure must be recorded by the operating surgeon within 48 hours following completion of surgery.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:11:03. Obstetric and newborn services. Each hospital offering obstetric and newborn services must maintain facilities, equipment, and supplies appropriate to the service. The hospital must establish, implement, and maintain written policies and procedures and have techniques and methods that will provide safe intrapartum and postpartum care on the nursing unit.
for obstetric patients, immediate delivery room care, recovery period care, and continuing nursery care for the newborn infants. A medical record for each obstetrical patient and newborn infant, and a delivery room register must be maintained. Safe formula must be supplied.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**44:04:11:04. Emergency services.** Each hospital offering emergency services must have a written plan and procedural manual for the provision of 24 hour a day emergency care which, as a minimum, provides for assessment and either treatment or referral to an appropriate facility. All referring hospitals must initiate essential life-saving measures and provide emergency procedures that will minimize aggravation of a patient's condition during transportation. An area of the facility with appropriate staff, equipment, drugs, supplies, and ancillary services commensurate with the scope of anticipated needs for ill or injured persons must be reserved exclusively for the patients requiring emergency care. A medical record must be maintained for each patient receiving emergency service.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**44:04:11:05. Anesthesia services.** Each hospital must provide anesthesia services organized, directed, and integrated with other related services of the hospital commensurate with the scope and needs of patients. The delivery of anesthesia care to patients must be provided by qualified persons according to written policies relating to anesthesia procedures approved by the medical staff. Safety and sanitation controls must be established. All anesthetizing locations which are not protected against potential explosive hazards must have a legible sign posted prohibiting the use of flammable gas as anesthetics.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**44:04:11:06. Rehabilitation services.** A hospital offering physical therapy, occupational therapy, or speech pathology must maintain facilities, equipment, and supplies appropriate for services provided. There must be written policies and procedures for the organization and function of the services. If physical therapy is offered, services must be provided under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist. If occupational therapy is offered, services must be provided under the supervision of a registered occupational therapist. If speech pathology is offered, services must be provided under the supervision of a speech pathologist with a certificate of clinical competence from the American Speech and Hearing Association. Physical therapy, occupational therapy, or speech pathology services must be given in accordance with a practitioner's orders and documented in the patient's medical record.

**Source:** 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.
44:04:11:07. Outpatient rehabilitation services. A hospital offering outpatient rehabilitation services must maintain written policies and procedures relating to staff, functions of services, and outpatient medical records and must provide facilities. The outpatient rehabilitation department must have space and equipment to meet the needs of the patient, staff, and visitors; and must maintain cooperative arrangements and communications with treatment-related community agencies. A physician must be responsible for the professional services. A physician or administrator must be responsible for administrative services.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:11:08. Social services. A hospital offering social services must maintain written policies and procedures relating to staffing requirements and functions of services and must provide social services facilities as required by § 44:04:02:18.02. If social services are offered, services must be provided under the supervision of a social worker or the facility must have a written agreement with a social worker for regularly scheduled consultation and assistance. The social services staff shall participate in discharge planning to assist patients to access inpatient, outpatient, extended care, and home health services in the community. Social services summaries must be entered in the patient's medical record.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.


Source: 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; repealed, 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

44:04:11:10. Swing-bed services. In addition to other requirements of article 44:04, hospitals offering swing-bed services must comply with §§ 44:04:11:11 and 44:04:11:12.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:11:11. Eligibility to offer swing-bed services. A hospital with less than 100 staffed beds may offer swing-bed services after obtaining approval from the department pursuant to § 44:04:11:11.01. A hospital with less than 50 staffed beds may not designate more than one-half
of its staffed beds as swing beds, but a hospital with less than 50 licensed beds may designate up to one-half of its licensed beds as swing beds. A critical access hospital may have no more than 15 swing beds. A hospital with 50 to 99 staffed beds, inclusive, may not designate more than 10 beds as swing beds. A hospital which subsequently exceeds 99 staffed beds may not offer swing-bed services. For purposes of this section and § 44:04:11:11.01, staffed beds are inpatient beds utilized and staffed for by the hospital, exclusive of beds for newborn, obstetrical delivery, intensive care, coronary care, and any psychiatric or rehabilitation unit excluded from the Medicare prospective payment system, except during a catastrophe, such as a disaster or epidemic, to which the hospital responds.

**Source:** 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 15 SDR 155, effective April 20, 1989; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000; 27 SDR 59, effective December 17, 2000; 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002; 30 SDR 84, effective December 4, 2003.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**44:04:11:11.01. Application for approval to offer swing-bed services.** A hospital may not offer swing-bed services without first applying in writing to the department for approval. The application must contain the following:

1. The effective date the swing-bed services will begin;
2. Designation of the bed category for which the hospital is requesting approval to offer swing-bed services, either a critical access hospital, not more than 49 staffed beds, or greater than 49 staffed beds and fewer than 100 staffed beds;
3. The number of staffed beds which will be designated as swing beds;
4. Evidence of the hospital's ability to comply with the provisions of § 44:04:11:12; and
5. Written assurance that the hospital will operate within the bed category it has designated and will not operate more than the number of swing beds designated on the face of the license.

The department shall denote the number of designated swing beds on the face of the license. A hospital may not change the number of designated swing beds or the designated bed category without first applying to the department for approval in accordance with this section.

**Source:** 15 SDR 155, effective April 20, 1989; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-5, 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-5, 34-12-13.

**44:04:11:11.02. Suspension of approval to offer swing-bed services.** Pursuant to the contested case provisions of SDCL 1-26, the department may prohibit a hospital from admitting new swing bed patients for not more than 3 months if the department has determined by inspections that the hospital has substantially failed to comply with the provisions of § 44:04:11:12 on at least 2 occasions in any 12 consecutive months. A hospital which has been prohibited from admitting new swing-bed patients must reapply to the department for approval to offer swing-bed services to new admissions in accordance with § 44:04:11:11.01.
44:04:11:12. Patient care requirements for swing-bed services. Hospital and critical access hospital swing-bed services must provide nursing and related care services to meet patients' care needs at all times. Patient care services must include at least the following:

1. Patient rights as stated in §§ 44:04:17:02(1),(5),(6),(7),(8), 44:04:17:03(1), 44:04:17:07, 44:04:17:08(1),(2),(7),(9), 44:04:17:09(3),(4),(5), 44:04:17:12, and 44:04:17:14;

2. Specialized rehabilitative services needed by patients to improve and maintain functioning. Specialized rehabilitative services may include physical therapy, speech pathology and audiology, and occupational therapy; and the services must be provided by the hospital or arranged for by written agreement with qualified personnel;

3. Dental services for routine and emergency dental care;

4. Social services as stated in § 44:04:12:05;

5. Patient activities as stated in § 44:04:12:02;

6. Discharge planning services to ensure that patients have a planned program of continuing care which meets post-discharge needs. The hospital must have written policies for the discharge planning process and must comply with § 44:04:04:17; and

7. Comprehensive assessment to assist with the development of a comprehensive care plan.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.


CHAPTER 44:04:12
LONG-TERM CARE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Section
44:04:12:01 Supportive services.
44:04:12:02 Activities program.
44:04:12:03 Transferred.
44:04:12:01. **Supportive services.** Each nursing facility, assisted living center, hospital accepting long-term care patients, and hospital and critical access hospital with swing beds must provide supportive services that comply with §§ 44:04:12:02 to 44:04:12:05, inclusive.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 30 SDR 84, effective December 4, 2003.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:12:02. **Activities program.** A planned activities program must be provided with therapeutic activities designed to meet the needs and interests of individual patients or residents. An activities coordinator must be in charge of the activities program in nursing facilities and hospitals which admit swing-bed patients. Supplies and equipment must be provided for activities to satisfy the individual interests of patients or residents.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:12:03. **Transferred to § 44:04:17:02.**

44:04:12:04. **Spiritual needs.** The facility must provide for the spiritual needs of the patients or residents. Patient or resident requests to see a clergyman must be honored. No specific religious beliefs or practices may be imposed on any patient or resident contrary to the patient's or resident's choice.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:12:05. **Provision of social services by nursing facilities.** A nursing facility must provide or make arrangements to provide social services for each resident as needed. A staff social worker or social service designee must be designated as responsible to facilitate the provision of social services. If the staff member is not a social worker, the facility must have a written agreement with a social worker for consultation and assistance to be provided on a regularly scheduled basis but at least quarterly.

**Source:** 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; transferred from § 44:04:06:12, 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 30 SDR 84, effective December 4, 2003; 32 SDR 128, effective January 30, 2006.
44:04:12:06. Rehabilitation services in nursing facilities. A nursing facility must provide rehabilitation services based on the needs of residents as identified in the comprehensive resident assessment specified in §§ 44:04:06:15 and 44:04:06:16.

Source: 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

CHAPTER 44:04:13

CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

Section
44:04:13:01 Application of chapter.
44:04:13:02 Patient or resident rooms.
44:04:13:03 Service area in care units.
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44:04:13:25 Steam and hot water systems.
44:04:13:26 Ventilating systems.
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44:04:13:29 Food service ventilation.
44:04:13:32 Recirculated air systems.
44:04:13:33 Plumbing fixtures.
44:04:13:34 Water supply systems.
44:04:13:36 Hot water systems.
**44:04:13:01. Application of chapter.** This chapter applies to all new facilities and to renovations, additions, and changes in space use of currently approved existing facilities. Accessible and usable accommodations must be available to the public, staff, and patients or residents with disabilities. Minimum requirements, except as noted in this chapter, are those in "ADA Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities," 28 C.F.R. Part 36, Appendix A, as published in 56 Fed. Reg. 35605 to 35690, inclusive (July 26, 1991), http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/req3a.html#Anchor-Appendix-52467.


Facilities providing off-site services must comply with "Business Occupancy standards or other occupancies standards as applicable for the use of the facility from" **NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, 2000 edition**, and construction standards of the **International Building Code**, 2000 edition for the buildings where these services are offered.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 24 SDR 90, effective January 4, 1998; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000; 27 SDR 59, effective December 17, 2000; 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.


44:04:13:02. **Patient or resident rooms.** A patient or resident room must meet the following requirements:

1. A maximum room capacity not exceeding two patients or residents;

2. A minimum area, exclusive of toilet rooms, closets, lockers, wardrobes, or vestibules, of 120 square feet (10.8 square meters) in one-bed rooms and 200 square feet (18.58 square meters) in two-bed rooms. Sleeping rooms designed as part of a suite of rooms must have a minimum area of 100 square feet in one-bed rooms and 180 square feet in two-bed rooms;

3. Each bed in two-bed rooms must have cubicle curtains or equivalent built-in devices for full visual privacy that allow access to the toilet room and corridor without entering the roommates space. Assisted living centers are not required to provide privacy curtains in two-bed rooms unless requested by the resident;

4. Have a window whose sill is not higher than 3 feet (0.91 meters) above the floor. The floor must be above grade;

5. Have a call button at each bed for nurses' calling stations;

6. Have a toilet room and lavatory. Patient or resident toilet rooms must be directly accessible for each patient or resident without going through the general corridor. In remodeling projects, one toilet room with handsinks in patient or resident rooms may serve two patient or resident rooms, but not more than four beds. For new construction, toilet rooms may not be shared between patient or resident rooms. The lavatory may be omitted from the toilet room if one is provided in each patient or resident room. The minimum dimensions of any room containing only a water closet are 3 feet by 6 feet (0.91 meters by 1.83 meters). All new construction of toilet rooms must meet accessibility standards required in § 44:04:13:01;

7. Have a locker or closet for each patient or resident; and

8. Have each patient or resident room door located not more than 150 feet (45.72 meters) from the nurse's station.

Modification of the requirements listed in subdivisions (1) to (8), inclusive, of this section may be approved for special care rooms by the department after receipt of a written request.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 24 SDR 90, effective January 4, 1998; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000; 27 SDR 59, effective December 17, 2000.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:13:03. **Service area in care units.** Each care unit must contain a service area which includes the following, except when the service is not required for licensure category:
(1) Nurses' station with convenient access to handwashing facilities;
(2) Nurses' charting;
(3) Doctors' charting;
(4) Communications;
(5) Storage for supplies and nurses' personal effects;
(6) Nurses' toilet room;
(7) Nurses' office;
(8) Clean workroom for the storage and assembly of supplies for nursing procedures which contains a work counter and sink;
(9) Soiled workroom which contains a work counter with a two-compartment sink with drainboards on each side, handwashing facility, a waste receptacle, soiled linen receptacles, a clinical sink with an exposed water trap seal, siphon jet or blowout action, and a bedpan flushing device;
(10) Medicine room adjacent to the nurses' station with a sink, refrigerator, locked storage, and facilities for preparation and administration of medication;
(11) Clean linen storage area in an enclosed storage space;
(12) Nourishment station containing refrigerated storage, self-dispensing ice machine, and a sink for serving between-meal nourishments;
(13) Equipment storage room on each patient or resident wing or floor for storage of patient or resident care equipment such as intravenous stands, inhalators, air mattresses, walkers, wheelchairs, and similar bulky equipment;
(14) Patient or resident bathing facilities containing one shower, bathtub, or whirlpool for each 15 beds not individually served. Whirlpool units with lifts may serve 30 beds;
(15) Janitor's closet for storage of housekeeping supplies and equipment which contains a floor receptor or service sink. The janitor's closet space and equipment may be incorporated into the soiled utility room;
(16) Isolation facilities for the use of those prone to infections as well as those suffering from infections. One isolation room must be provided for each 30 acute-care beds. The entry into the isolation room must be through an anteroom which is equipped with handwashing, gowning space and supplies, and space to handle clean and soiled supplies for the room or rooms served. Toilet, bathing, and handwashing facilities must be available for the isolation room patient without entry into the anteroom or general corridor. A nursing unit is not required to maintain an isolation facility if such facilities are provided elsewhere in the institution;
Playroom facilities for pediatric patients; and

Multipurpose rooms for staff, patients or residents, and patients' or residents' families for conferences, reports, education, training sessions, and consultation.

If outpatient therapy services are offered, the therapy unit must provide access without traversing inpatient areas, locked records storage, handsinks located convenient to treatment areas, private room with handsink for speech language pathology, cubicle curtains for privacy at treatment areas, and the therapy unit must be sized and equipped to accommodate the therapy modalities offered.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 24 SDR 90, effective January 4, 1998.

General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:13:03.01. Social services office. In hospitals and nursing facilities, a social services office which is in accordance with § 44:04:02:18.02 must be provided.


General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:13:03.02. Secured units. Repealed.


44:04:13:04. Dietary department. Construction, equipment, and installation of the dietary department must comply with or exceed the minimum standards in §§ 44:02:07:01, 44:02:07:02, and 44:02:07:04 to 44:02:07:95, inclusive, the Food Service Code. The installation must comply with § 44:04:13:05 unless a commercially prepared dietary service, meals, or disposables are used. If a commercial service is used, dietary areas and equipment must meet the requirements for sanitary storage, processing, and handling.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 24 SDR 90, effective January 4, 1998.

General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

Note: Article 44:02, Lodging and Food Service, Administrative Rules of South Dakota, contains the Food Service Code and may be obtained from Legislative Mail, 1320 East Sioux Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, telephone (605) 773-4935, for $3.30.

44:04:13:05. Food preparation services and equipment. The dietary area must be completely cleanable by conventional methods. The location and design of the dietary area must
enable convenient handling of incoming supplies, preparation of meals, including tray service, and
disposal of rubbish and garbage. Equipment and space provided must include the following:

(1) In dietary areas serving 20 beds or more, a dishwashing area including a commercial
dishwasher supplied with 180 degree Fahrenheit (82 degrees centigrade) rinse water or a chemical
sanitizing cycle, a soiled dish table with at least 7 feet (2.13 meters) of work space, a garbage
disposal, a garbage can, a clean dish table with room for at least 3 dish racks, and handwashing
facilities. If commercial undercounter dishwasher is used, the unit must be raised above the floor
so that the rack height is level with the adjacent dish tables;

(2) A dry food storage area with at least 1.5 linear feet (0.46 meters) of shelving 20 inches
(0.51 meters) wide for each patient or resident bed and a functional aisle;

(3) Refrigerated storage space providing at least 1.5 cubic feet (0.042 cubic meters) of
refrigerated space and 0.5 cubic feet (0.014 cubic meters) of freezer space per patient or resident
bed with sufficient refrigerated storage space located within the food production area for
convenient food preparation;

(4) Aisles within the dietary area not less than 3 feet (0.91 meters) wide. Aisles adjoining
equipment locations with doors or aisles utilized for cart traffic must be at least 4 feet (1.22
meters) wide;

(5) Pot and pan washing facilities, including a three-compartment sink with 18 inch
drainboards on both sides and drying and storage facilities for pots and pans;

(6) A vegetable preparation area with a two-compartment sink with drainboards on both
sides;

(7) Cart cleaning facilities;

(8) Cart storage areas;

(9) Waste disposal facilities;

(10) Waste can washing facilities;

(11) Employee dining facilities;

(12) Dietary manager's office or desk;

(13) Janitor's closet with storage for housekeeping supplies and equipment and floor
receptor or service sink;

(14) Food production equipment sized and designed to prepare a complete meal for the total
bed complement and for personnel, guests, day-care patients, or other catering services;

(15) Food holding and transportation equipment capable of protecting food from
contamination and of maintaining cold food at 41 degrees Fahrenheit (5 degrees centigrade) or
below and hot food at 140 degrees Fahrenheit (60 degrees centigrade) or above during the total
serving period;
(16) Ventilation equipment sized and designed to effectively remove steam, heat, cooking vapors, and grease from food production areas, dishwashing areas, and serving areas;

(17) Handwashing facilities that are convenient to each work area, consisting of hot and cold running water, towel dispenser with single-service towels or hand drying device and hand cleanser;

(18) In dietary areas serving 20 beds or more, a staff toilet facility; and

(19) In dietary areas serving 20 beds or more, a dispensing ice maker. A built-in dispensing ice maker in a refrigerator may be used in any facility with a capacity of less than 20 beds.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 30 SDR 84, effective December 4, 2003.

General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:13:06. Laundry. The laundry must include the following:

(1) Soiled linen holding room with a storage capacity of 1.75 square feet (0.1626 square meters) of floor area for each bed, to be used for storage, sorting, and weighing of soiled linen;

(2) Linen cart storage;

(3) Janitor's closet with storage for housekeeping supplies and equipment and a floor receptor or service sink convenient to the laundry;

(4) Storage for laundry supplies;

(5) Lavatories conveniently accessible to soiled, clean, and processing rooms; and

(6) Laundry processing room with separate soiled and clean work areas with commercial equipment. All clothes dryers must have galvanized metal vent pipes for exhaust.

The space and equipment layout must be sized and designed to produce quality linen with a work flow that minimizes potential for cross-contamination of clean linen by soiled linen, contaminated equipment, contaminated air, or splash. The laundry department must be capable of processing 10 pounds (4.54 kilograms) of soiled linen for each bed during a normal work day. Modifications to the standard may be made if the laundry serves only an assisted living center or if the services are contracted to an outside organization. Modification must be requested in writing by the facility and approved by the department.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.
44:04:13:07. **Employee facilities.** The locker room for employees must have lockers and a separate toilet room.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:13:08. **Engineering service and equipment areas.** The requirements for engineering service and equipment areas for each facility are as follows:

1. A boiler room with two remote doors to the exit or exit access;
2. An engineer's office which may be combined with a maintenance shop;
3. Mechanical and electrical equipment rooms;
4. A maintenance shop with at least one room;
5. A storage room for building maintenance supplies;
6. A refuse room for trash storage which is conveniently located to the service entrance; and
7. A yard equipment storage room.

The boiler room and other rooms containing storage of combustible materials may not contain ventilation equipment or unprotected ventilation ducts serving other areas, the main electrical switchboard, or emergency electrical equipment.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:13:09. **Corridor restrictions.** Drinking fountains, telephone booths, fire extinguisher cabinets, and vending machines must be located so that they do not project into the required width of exit corridors. Handrails installed in corridors must return to the wall at the ends. Handrails must be installed with the top 34 to 38 inches, inclusive, from the floor. Handrails must be installed with 1½ inch spacing between the wall and the handrail.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:13:10. **Doors.** Any door to a patient or resident room toilet or bathroom must be equipped with hardware which will permit access in any emergency. A pocket or sliding door may not be installed except on a clothes closet in a patient or resident room. Any door opening onto a corridor, except an elevator door, must be hinged on the side. Alcoves and similar spaces which generally do not require doors are excluded from this requirement. No door may swing into the corridor except a closet door. Thresholds and expansion joint covers, if used, must be flush with the floor. Any cross-corridor door must be provided with vision panels.

General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.


Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; repealed, 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977.


Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; repealed, 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000.


Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.


44:04:13:14. Ceiling heights. Boiler room ceilings may not be less than 2 feet 6 inches (0.76 meters) above the main boiler header and connecting piping, with a minimum height of 9 feet (2.74 meters). The ceilings of corridors, storage rooms, patient toilet rooms, and other minor rooms may not be less than 7 feet, 8 inches (2.34 meters). The ceilings of all other rooms may not be less than 7 feet, 10 inches (2.39 meters).

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000.

General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.
44:04:13:15. **Insulation.** Boiler rooms, food preparation centers, and laundries must be insulated and ventilated to prevent any floor surface above them from exceeding a temperature of 85 degrees Fahrenheit (29.4 degrees centigrade). All combustible insulation within the building must be covered with a fire-resistive material giving fire protection equivalent to 0.5 inch (0.01 meters) gypsum board, unless tested and acceptable by International Building Code, 2000 edition, 2603.4 for use without a thermal barrier as installed.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 24 SDR 90, effective January 4, 1998; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000; 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002; 32 SDR 128, effective January 30, 2006.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.


44:04:13:16. **Fire extinguisher equipment.** Fire extinguisher equipment must be installed and maintained by the following minimum standards:

(1) Portable fire extinguishers must have a minimum rating of 2-A:10-B:C;

(2) Fire extinguisher equipment must be inspected monthly and maintained yearly;

(3) Approved fire extinguisher cabinets must be provided throughout the building with one cabinet for each 3,000 square feet (278.7 square meters) of floor space or fraction thereof. The fire resistance rating of corridor walls must be maintained at recessed fire extinguisher cabinets. The glazing in doors of fire extinguisher cabinets must be wire glass or other safety glazing material. Fire extinguisher cabinets must be identified with a sign mounted perpendicular to the wall surface above the cabinet; and

(4) Halon chemical extinguishers may be installed and used only in those remote areas that do not present a hazard to staff, patients, or residents.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:13:17. **Floor surface finish.** Floors must be easily cleanable and must have the wear resistance appropriate for the location involved. Floors in kitchens and related spaces must be water-resistant. In all areas where floors are subject to wetting, they must have a nonslip finish. Adjacent dissimilar floor materials must be flush with each other to provide a level floor surface.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:13:18. Wall and ceiling finish. Walls must be washable, and in the immediate area of plumbing fixtures the finish must be protected from water damage. Wall bases in dietary areas must be free of spaces that can harbor insects. Wall bases in any areas used for surgical and obstetrical procedures must be integral with either the wall or the floor surface material and must be without voids that can harbor harmful bacteria. All surgical, obstetrical, emergency, nursery, X-ray film processing rooms, and dietary ceilings must be washable or easily cleanable. This requirement does not apply to boiler rooms, mechanical and building equipment rooms, shops, and similar spaces. A ceiling in any surgical, central sterilization, isolation, and X-ray film processing room must be a gypsum board surface.

General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:13:19. Elevators. All facilities where either patients' or residents' beds or a critical service, such as operating, delivery, diagnostic, recreation, patient or resident dining, dietary, laundry, central storage, or therapy rooms, is located, other than on the first floor, must have electrical or electrohydraulic elevators. Elevator cars and platforms must be constructed of noncombustible material, except that material treated with fire retardant may be used if all exterior surfaces of the car are covered with metal. Cars of hospital-type elevators must have inside dimensions that will accommodate a patient's bed and attendants and must be at least 5 feet (1.52 meters) wide by 7 feet 6 inches (2.29 meters) deep. The car door must have a clear opening of not less than 3 feet 8 inches (1.12 meters). Elevators must have automatic two-way leveling with accuracy within plus or minus 0.5 inch (0.01 meters). Elevators, except freight elevators, must be equipped with a two-way special service switch to permit cars to bypass all landing button calls and to be dispatched directly to any floor.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.
General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.


Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; repealed, 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000.


Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; repealed, 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.


Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

44:04:13:24. Incinerators. Incinerators must be gas, electric, or oil-fired and must be capable of, but need not be limited to, the complete destruction of pathological wastes. Design and construction of incinerators must be in accordance with requirements of article 74:35.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:13:25. Steam and hot water systems. Boilers must have the capacity to supply the normal requirements of all systems and equipment. Supply and return mains and risers of space heating and process steam systems must be valved to isolate the various sections of each system. Each piece of equipment must be valved at the supply and return end. Boilers, smoke breeching, steam supply piping, high pressure steam return piping, and hot water space heating supply and return piping must be insulated with insulation having a flame spread of 25 or less and a smoke emission rating of 50 or less using NFPA 255, 2000 edition, "Standard Method of Test for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials" or equivalent test procedures.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 27 SDR 59, effective December 17, 2000; 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002.

General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.


44:04:13:26. Ventilating systems. The ventilating systems must maintain temperatures, minimum air changes of outdoor air an hour, minimum total air changes, and relative humidities as follows:

(1) Operating rooms - 68 to 73 degrees Fahrenheit (20 to 22.8 degrees centigrade), 3 outdoor, 15 total, and 45 to 60 percent humidity;

(2) Delivery rooms - 68 to 73 degrees Fahrenheit (20 to 22.8 degrees centigrade), 3 outdoor, 15 total, and 30 to 60 percent humidity;

(3) Recovery rooms - at least 70 degrees Fahrenheit (21.1 degrees centigrade), 2 outdoor, 6 total, and 30 to 60 percent humidity;
(4) Nursery rooms - at least 75 degrees Fahrenheit (23.9 degrees centigrade), 2 outdoor, 6 total, and 30 to 60 percent humidity; and

(5) Intensive care rooms - 70 to 75 degrees Fahrenheit (21.1 to 23.9 degrees centigrade), 2 outdoor, 6 total, and 30 to 60 percent humidity.

For all other occupied areas, the facility must be able to maintain a minimum temperature of 75 degrees Fahrenheit (23.9 degrees centigrade) at winter design conditions with a minimum of at least two total air changes an hour. All air supply and air exhaust systems must be mechanically operated. All fans serving exhaust systems must be located at the discharge end of the system. Outdoor ventilation air intakes, other than for individual room units, must be located as far away as practicable but not less than 25 feet (7.62 meters) from plumbing vent stacks and the exhausts from any ventilating system or combustion equipment. The bottom of outdoor intakes serving central air systems must be located as high as possible but not less than 6 feet (1.83 meters) above the ground level or, if installed through the roof, 3 feet (0.91 meters) above roof level. The mechanical ventilation systems must be designed and balanced to provide make-up air and safe pressure relationships between adjacent areas to preclude the spread of infections and assure the health of the occupants. Room supply air inlets, recirculation, and exhaust air outlets must be located with the grill or diffuser opening not less than 3 inches (0.08 meters) above the floor. Corridors may not be used to supply air to or exhaust air from any room, except that exhaust air from corridors may be used to ventilate bathrooms, toilet rooms, or janitor's closets opening directly on corridors. Continuous mechanical exhaust ventilation must be provided in all soiled areas, wet areas, and storage rooms. In unoccupied service areas, ventilation may be reduced or discontinued when the health and comfort of the occupants are not compromised.

Indirect fuel-fired ventilation units may be used only when safety equipment is provided, the fuel is lighter than air, and the unit is separated from the building by one-hour fire-resistive construction when the unit is mounted on the roof.

Laboratories must be ventilated at a rate of six total air changes an hour. All ventilation air from the laboratory must be directly exhausted to the outside. If this ventilation rate does not provide the air required to ventilate fume hoods and safety cabinets, additional air must be provided. A filter with 90 percent efficiency must be installed in the air supply system at its entrance to the media transfer room. Hoods in which highly radioactive materials are processed must have a face velocity of 150 feet a minute (0.76 meters a second), have a high-efficiency (99.97%) filter, and each hood must have an independent exhaust system with the fan installed at the discharge point of the system. Hoods used for processing infectious materials must have a face velocity of 75 feet a minute (0.38 meters a second).

Cooking appliances, other than microwave ovens, must be provided with exhaust ventilation to the exterior of the building to remove cooking odors, heat, and moisture. Cooking appliances installed in resident rooms must be equipped with a recirculating fan and charcoal filter or may be exhausted to the exterior to remove cooking odors, heat, and moisture.

Vehicle parking garages must be provided with carbon monoxide detection to activate exhaust ventilation of six air changes each hour or to open the garage door if the area of the garage is under 1000 square feet. Signs must be posted at the front of parking spaces advising the driver to shut off the engine.
Crawl spaces must be provided with mechanical ventilation at least 0.5 air changes each day or be provided with open perimeter venting as required by the International Building Code.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000; 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002; 30 SDR 84, effective December 4, 2003; 32 SDR 128, effective January 30, 2006.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.


44:04:13:27. Filters. Ventilation systems using a recirculated central air system must be equipped with a minimum of two filter beds. Filter bed number one must be located upstream of the conditioning equipment and must have a minimum efficiency of 30 percent. All supply air units must have a minimum of 30 percent effective filters. All central ventilation systems must have a minimum of 80 percent effective filters. All common use areas, i.e., dining, lounges, and corridors, must have 80 percent effective filters on air supply systems. All air supply systems serving solely administrative areas must have a minimum of 30 percent effective filters. One-inch furnace filter media is required for forced air furnaces and ventilation systems in assisted living facilities. These filter efficiencies must be warranted by the manufacturer and must be based on the ASHRAE 52.1, 1992 edition, American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning Engineers dust spot test method with atmospheric dust. Filter frames must be durable and carefully dimensioned and must provide an airtight fit with the enclosing duct work. All joints between filter segments and the enclosing duct work must be gasketed or sealed to provide a positive seal against air leakage. A manometer must be installed across each filter bed serving central air systems.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 24 SDR 90, effective January 4, 1998.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.


44:04:13:28. Ducts. Ducts must be constructed of iron, steel, aluminum, or other approved metal or materials as defined in NFPA 101 Life Safety Code 2000 edition. Duct linings, coverings, vapor barriers, and the adhesives used for applying them must have a flame spread classification of not more than 25 and a smoke developed rating of not more than 50 using NFPA 255, 2000 edition, "Standard Method of Test for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials." A fire and smoke damper must be provided on each opening through each required two-hour or greater fire-resistive wall or floor and on each opening through the walls of a vertical shaft, unless the shaft has a fire and smoke damper at the floor level. Ducts which pass through a required smoke barrier must be provided with smoke dampers. Access for maintenance must be provided at all dampers. Duct systems serving hoods must be constructed of corrosion resistant material. Duct systems serving hoods in which highly radioactive materials and strong oxidizing
agents are used must be constructed of stainless steel for a minimum distance of 10 feet (3.05 meters) from the hood and must be equipped with washdown facilities. Cold air ducts must be insulated wherever necessary to maintain the efficiency of the system or to minimize condensation problems.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000; 27 SDR 59, effective December 17, 2000; 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002.

General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.


44:04:13:29. Food service ventilation. The air from dining areas may be used to ventilate the food preparation areas only after it has been passed through a filter with 80 percent efficiency. Exhaust hoods in food preparation centers must have a minimum exhaust rate of 50 cubic feet a minute for each square foot (0.25 cubic meters a second for each square meter) of hood face area. All hoods over cooking ranges must be equipped with fire extinguishing systems interconnected to shut off the fuel source. Cleanout openings must be provided every 20 feet (6.10 meters) in horizontal exhaust duct systems serving hoods.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.


Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; repealed, 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000.


Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; repealed, 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000.

44:04:13:32. Recirculated air systems. All recirculated air systems serving more than one room must be equipped with automatic shutdown and smoke dampers activated by a smoke detector and the building fire alarm system.
44:04:13:33. Plumbing fixtures. The material used for plumbing fixtures must be of nonabsorptive acid-resistant material. Lavatories and sinks required in patient or resident care areas must have the water supply spout mounted so that the discharge is a minimum of 5 inches (0.13 meters) above the rim of the fixture. Handwashing facilities used by medical and care staff, patients, residents, and food handlers must be equipped with hands-free controls. Single lever devices may be used. If blade handles are used, they may not exceed 4.5 inches (0.11 meters) in length, except that handles on scrub sinks and clinical sinks may not be less than 6 inches (0.15 meters) long. Clinical sinks must have an integral trap in which the upper portion of a visible trap seal provides a water surface. If blade handles are used, proper clearance must be maintained for operation. Aerators are not approved for use on faucet spouts. Paper towel dispensers or hand-drying devices must be provided at all lavatories and sinks used for handwashing. Mirrors or paper towel dispensers with reflective surfaces may not be provided at handwashing facilities in the laboratory, nursery, clean utility, central sterilizing, dietary, or other critical areas where grooming could potentially cause contamination.

Water closets must be an elongated bowl type and be equipped with an open front seat.

Any shower stall that is not required to be accessible must have curb heights not more than five inches above the finished floor. The shower floor elevation and bathroom finished floor elevation must be level where possible but the difference in elevation cannot exceed three inches.

44:04:13:34. Water supply systems. Water supply systems must supply water to the fixtures and equipment on the upper floors at a minimum pressure of 15 pounds a square inch (1055.9 kilograms a square meter) during maximum demand periods. Each water service main, branch main, riser, and branch to a group of fixtures must be valved. Stop valves must be provided at each fixture. Hot, cold, and chilled water piping and waste piping on which condensation may occur must be insulated. Insulation of cold and chilled water lines must include an exterior vapor barrier.

Water supply systems in a health care facility must maintain one part per million free residual chlorine at remote point-of-use fixtures in the facility or may use another bacteriological control method (increasing water temperature range from 122 degrees to 125 degrees Fahrenheit [50-52 degrees centigrade] is acceptable) that has been demonstrated to be equivalent in control of Legionella. The facility must document water temperatures to verify the hot water temperature is being maintained within the acceptable range. The chlorine testing must be done daily using photocell and light source DPD (N, N, Diethyl-p-phenylenediamine) test kits and the test results logged. When testing demonstrates that consistent chlorine levels are maintained, the frequency of testing may be reduced to a level necessary to demonstrate compliance.
44:04:13:35. **Vacuum breakers.** Antisiphon devices or backflow preventers must be installed on hose bibs and on all fixtures to which hoses or tubing can be attached such as laboratory and janitors' sinks, bedpan flushing attachments, handheld showers, and autopsy tables. Antisiphon devices or backflow preventers must be installed on all plumbing and equipment where any possibility exists for contamination of the potable water supply.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 28 SDR 83, effective December 16, 2001.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:13:36. **Hot water systems.** Hot water distribution systems over 50 feet (15.24 meters) long must recirculate to provide hot water at each fixture at all times. The hot water heating equipment must have sufficient capacity to supply water at the temperature and amounts indicated in the following:

1. Three gallons an hour (0.0033 liters a second) for each bed at a temperature range of 122-125 degrees Fahrenheit (50-52 degrees centigrade);

2. Two gallons an hour (0.0020 liters a second) for each bed for dietary use at a temperature of 140 degrees Fahrenheit (60 degrees centigrade); and

3. Two gallons an hour (0.0020 liters a second) per bed for laundry at a temperature of 160 degrees Fahrenheit (71 degrees centigrade).

Storage tanks provided must be fabricated of noncorrosive metal or lined with noncorrosive material.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 28 SDR 83, effective December 16, 2001; 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:13:37. **Drainage systems.** Drain lines from sinks in which acid wastes may be poured must be fabricated from an acid resistant material. Piping over operating and delivery rooms, nurseries, food preparation centers, food serving facilities, food storage areas, and other critical areas must be kept to a minimum and may not be exposed. Special precautions must be taken to protect these areas from possible leakage of necessary overhead piping systems. Floor drains may not be installed in operating and delivery rooms. Building sewers must discharge into a community sewerage system. Where such a system is not available, a facility providing sewage treatment which conforms to applicable local and state regulations is required.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 28 SDR 83, effective December 16, 2001; 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.
Water from roof systems must be collected and discharged away from the building foundation. Rain gutters with downspouts and splash blocks must be provided for pitched roof systems. Provisions must be made to avoid having water accumulated on sidewalks and parking areas around the building.

The building sewer system must have a cleanout located outside the perimeter of the building foundation.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002; 32 SDR 128, effective January 30, 2006.

General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.


Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; repealed, 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.


Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; repealed, 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000.

44:04:13:40. Electrical distribution system. All material including equipment, conductors, controls, and signaling devices must be installed to provide a complete electrical system with the necessary characteristics and capacity to supply the electrical facilities shown in the specifications or indicated on the plans. All materials must be listed as complying with applicable standards of Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., or other similarly established standards. Fixed and mobile X ray units must be connected by means of independent feeders or circuits. Circuit breakers or fusible switches that provide disconnecting means and overcurrent protection for conductors connected to switchboards and distribution panel boards must be enclosed or guarded to provide a dead front type of assembly. The main switchboard must be located in a separate enclosure accessible only to authorized persons. The switchboard must be convenient for use, readily accessible for maintenance, clear of traffic lanes, and in a dry ventilated space devoid of corrosive fumes or gases. Overload protective devices must be designed for operating in the ambient temperature conditions. Lighting and appliance panel boards must be provided for the circuits on each floor. This section does not apply to emergency system circuits.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:13:41. Lighting. All spaces occupied by people, machinery, and equipment within buildings, the approaches to the buildings, and parking lots must have artificial lighting approved
by the department. Patients' or residents' bedrooms must have general lighting of at least 10 footcandles (0.929 lumens per square meter) and night lighting. Plug-in night lights may be provided for residents in assisted living facilities. Where task illumination is required, a light with an intensity of at least 30 footcandles (2.79 lumens per square meter) at the work surface must be provided for each patient or resident. At least one luminaire for night lighting must be switched at the entrance to each patient or resident room. Patients' or residents' reading lights and other fixed lights not switched at the door must have switch controls convenient for use at the luminaire. All switches for control of lighting in patient or resident areas must be of the quiet operating type. Illumination of at least 100 footcandles (9.29 lumens per square meter) must be provided at the medication set-up area. Illumination of at least 50 footcandles (4.65 lumens per square meter) must be provided at the activity room work tables. Illumination of at least 30 footcandles (2.79 lumens per square meter) must be provided in dining areas, physical and restorative therapy, and at bathing facilities.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 24 SDR 90, effective January 4, 1998.

General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:13:42. Receptacles or convenience outlets. Each operating, delivery, and emergency room must have at least three receptacles. In locations where mobile X ray is used, an additional receptacle, distinctively marked for X ray use, must be provided. Each patient or resident bedroom must have duplex receptacles as follows: one on each side of the head of each bed; receptacles for luminaires and motorized beds, if used; and one receptacle on another wall. Single polarized receptacles marked for use of X ray only must be located in corridors of patient or resident areas so that mobile equipment may be used in any location within a patient or resident room. If the same mobile X ray unit is used in operating rooms and in nursing areas, all receptacles for X ray use must be the same. Where capacitive discharge or battery-powered mobile X ray units are used, polarized receptacles are not required. Duplex receptacles for general use must be installed approximately 50 feet apart in all corridors and within 25 feet of ends of corridors. Receptacles in patient rooms of pediatric units must be of the safety type. Receptacles in corridors of pediatric units must be of a safety type or must be controlled by switches located at a nurses' station or another supervised location.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.


Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; repealed, 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000.

44:04:13:44. Nurses call system. A nurses call system must be provided for patient or resident use at each bed that will register a call from the patient or resident both visually and audibly at the nurses' call station and actuate a visual signal at the patient or resident room door, and in the clean workroom, soiled workroom, and nourishment station of the nursing unit. In
multicorridor nursing units, additional visible signals must be installed at corridor intersections. Nurses call systems which provide two-way voice communication must be equipped with an indicating light at each calling station which lights and remains lighted as long as the voice circuit is operating. An emergency calling station convenient for patient or resident use must be provided at each patient or resident toilet, bath, or shower and at toilets serving patients or residents in laboratory, physical therapy, emergency, and X ray departments. An emergency nurses calling station must be provided for nurses' use in each operating, delivery, recovery, emergency, and intensive nursing care room and in nurseries, supervised wards for mental patients, and rooms for children.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

*44:04:13:45. Fire alarm systems.* A manually operated, electrically supervised fire alarm system must be installed in each facility.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.


**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; repealed, 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977.

*44:04:13:47. Submittal of plans and specifications.* Plans and specifications for new construction must be submitted to the department for evaluation of function and fire protection including concealed spaces. The department's approval must be obtained before beginning construction. Modification during construction must be submitted to the department for review and must be approved prior to the modification.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

*44:04:13:48. Pipe requirements.* All piping systems for potable water must be installed to eliminate any dead-end runs of piping. Before placing potable water systems in service, the piping system must be disinfected in accordance with the South Dakota Plumbing Commission standards in article 20:54 and certification must be available from the installer showing the method used, date, test procedure used to verify chlorine concentrations, and date the system was flushed and placed in service.

Pipe covering, vapor barriers, and adhesives used for applying them must have a flame spread of not more than 25 and a smoke emission factor of not more than 50 when tested in accordance with the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, 2000 edition.
44:04:13:49. Detached structures. A detached structure or auxiliary building used for combustible storage or vehicle parking built adjacent to, but not directly attached to, a health care facility must either be separated from the facility by a minimum distance of 20 feet or provided with two-hour fire rated separation.

General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

Cross-Reference: Fire safety code requirements, § 44:04:03:01.


Source: 30 SDR 84, effective December 4, 2003; repealed, 32 SDR 128, effective January 30, 2006.

CHAPTER 44:04:14

ADDITIONAL HOSPITAL STANDARDS
44:04:14:01. Application of standards. The construction standards in this chapter apply to all new hospital facilities and to alterations, additions, and changes in space use to currently approved existing hospital facilities. In hospitals with a capacity of 50 beds or less, some functions allotted separate spaces or rooms in these standards may be combined if the resulting plan does not compromise safety or medical practice.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.
General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:14:02. Newborn nursery unit. Each nursery must provide a lavatory, emergency nurses call, oxygen, and facilities for viewing the babies. Each full-term nursery room must contain not more than 12 bassinets with a minimum area of 24 square feet (2.23 square meters) per bassinet. An examination and workroom with lavatory must be provided and may serve up to 24 bassinets. A janitor's closet for storage of housekeeping supplies and equipment which contains a floor receptor or service sink must be provided.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.
General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:14:03. Formula room. Repealed.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; repealed, 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000.

44:04:14:04. Psychiatric unit. If a psychiatric unit is included as a separate nursing unit, it must be designed as other nursing units with extra care taken to provide close supervision for patients. Service areas must be provided.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.
General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.
**Cross-Reference:** Requirements for service areas in each nursing unit, § 44:04:13:03.

**44:04:14:05. Surgical suites.** Hospitals with 50 beds or less that accept surgical patients must provide one operating room. The number of operating rooms for hospitals over 50 beds shall be based on the expected surgical workload. The surgical suite must be located to prevent through traffic. A recovery room with charting space, medication storage and preparation space, and a clinical sink is required.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**44:04:14:06. Service areas in surgical suite.** The size of the service areas in each surgical suite depends on the surgical workload. Each surgical suite must include the following service areas:

1. A surgical supervisor station;
2. Sterilizing facilities near the operating room with high speed autoclave;
3. Facilities for storage and preparation of medication;
4. Scrub-up facilities located adjacent to operating rooms;
5. Soiled workroom containing a counter with two-compartment sink with drainboards on each side, clinical sink, hand sink, waste receptacle, and soiled linen receptacles;
6. Storage for sterile and unsterile supplies, which may be in a clean workroom;
7. Storage room or cabinet for anesthetic agents;
8. Nitrous oxide and oxygen facilities with storage room if these services are not piped in;
9. Clean work area for storage and assembly of supplies containing counter and sink;
10. Equipment storage area for surgical and monitoring equipment;
11. Floor receptor or service sink and storage for housekeeping supplies and equipment;
12. Clothing change areas, lockers, and toilet rooms for doctors, nurses, orderlies, and other personnel;
13. Holding area for patients in facilities with two or more operating rooms; and

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**44:04:14:07. Obstetrical suite.** The obstetrical suite must be located to prevent through traffic. The number of delivery rooms and labor rooms required shall be based on the estimated annual birthrate. A patients' toilet room must be provided adjoining each labor room or must be conveniently accessible within the obstetrical suite. Bathing facilities must be conveniently available.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.
44:04:14:08. Service areas in obstetrical suite. The size of the service areas in each obstetrical suite depends on the obstetrical workload. Each obstetrical suite must include the following service areas:

1. A supervisor's station;
2. Sterilizing facilities with high speed autoclave convenient to delivery rooms;
3. Facilities for storage and preparation of medication;
4. Scrub-up facilities adjacent to delivery rooms;
5. A soiled workroom containing a counter with a two-compartment sink with drainboards on each side, clinical sink, hand sink, waste receptacle, and soiled linen receptacles;
6. Storage for sterile and unsterile supplies, which may be in clean workroom;
7. Storage room or cabinet for anesthetic agents;
8. Nitrous oxide and oxygen facilities with storage room if these services are not piped in;
9. Clean work area for storage and assembly of supplies, containing counter and sink;
10. Equipment storage area for surgical and monitoring equipment;
11. Floor receptor or service sink and storage for housekeeping supplies and equipment;
12. Clothing change areas, lockers, and toilet rooms for doctors, nurses, orderlies, and other personnel; and
13. Stretcher alcove.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.
General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:14:09. Emergency and outpatient care areas of the facility. The size of emergency and outpatient care areas shall be based on admissions and must be located to prevent outpatients from traversing inpatient areas. Emergency and outpatient care areas must include:

1. A well marked and sheltered entry with nearby emergency parking and convenient access for ambulances;
2. Admission and patient records area;
3. Examination and treatment room with lavatory;
4. Clinical sink;
5. Storage for sterile supplies;
6. Wheelchair and stretcher alcove;
7. Floor receptor or service sink and storage for housekeeping supplies and equipment; and
8. A secure area for storage and preparation of medications.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000.
General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:14:10. Diagnostic imaging suite. The diagnostic imaging suite must contain:

1. One or more radiographic rooms with necessary radiation protection;
2. A film processing room;
3. A film filing room;
44:04:14:11. Laboratory suite. Clinical laboratory facilities and equipment consistent with the needs of the patients must be provided. Handwashing fixtures must be provided and equipped with valves which can be operated without the use of hands. If blade handles are used for this purpose, the blade handles may not exceed 4.5 inches (0.11 meters) in length.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:14:12. Pharmacy or drug room. The pharmacy or drug room must be well ventilated and have a locking door. The pharmacy or drug room must be sized for the distribution system used and must have a work counter with sink, a separate locked and fastened compartment or room for the storage of controlled substances, refrigerated and frozen storage spaces, and other approved storage for drugs. If additive injectables are prepared, a sterile products area must be provided. The work space must be well illuminated. Emergency power must be provided for essential services. Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning services must be provided to maintain the temperature of the room between 59 degrees Fahrenheit (15 degrees centigrade) and 86 degrees Fahrenheit (30 degrees centigrade).

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 4 SDR 14, effective September 14, 1977; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:14:13. Administration department. The administration department must include a business office, information center, administrator's office, admitting office, staff lounge, medical library, lobby, and public and staff toilet rooms. There must be an office for the director of nurses, space for inservice training, and a housekeeper's office.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:14:14. Medical records unit. The medical records unit must include an active record storage area; record review and dictating area; work area for sorting, recording, or microfilming; and an inactive record storage area which may be omitted if microfilming is used.
44:04:14:15. Central medical and surgical supply department. The clean and soiled areas of the central medical and surgical supply department must be separated from each other. Space for cleaning equipment and disposing or processing of unclean articles must be provided in the decontamination area and the plumbing fixtures must be at least those provided for the soiled utility room. The clean workroom must be divided into work space, clean storage area, sterilizing facilities, and storage area for sterile supplies. Pathological waste sterilization may not be done in this area. An unsterile supply storage area must be provided, but it may be located in an area outside this department. Handwashing fixtures must be provided between the clean and soiled work areas. If blade handles are used, they may not exceed four and one-half inches (0.11 meters) in length.

44:04:14:16. Central stores. General central storage rooms must have a total area of not less than 20 square feet (1.86 square meters) for each bed. General storage should be concentrated in one area on-site, but up to 50 percent of the general storage space may be provided off-site.

44:04:14:17. Details and finishes. Ceiling heights of operating rooms, delivery rooms, cystoscopic rooms, radiographic rooms, and rooms with ceiling-mounted surgical light fixtures must be at least nine feet (2.74 meters).

The ceilings in isolation rooms, X-ray film processing rooms, central sterilization rooms, and operating rooms must be an epoxy painted gypsum board membrane or an equivalent material for ease of cleaning and for improved maintenance of clean surfaces below the ceilings.

44:04:14:18. Ventilation. All air supply and air exhaust systems must be mechanically operated. All fans serving exhaust systems must be located at the discharge end of the system. All air supplied to sensitive areas such as operating rooms, delivery rooms, and nurseries must be delivered at or near the ceiling of the area served. All air exhausted from the area must be removed
near floor level. At least two exhaust outlets must be used in all operating and delivery rooms. Exhaust wall outlets must be located not less than three inches (0.076 meters) above the floor.

A ventilation system in operating, delivery, emergency, isolation, central sterilization, or nursery room must be a ducted system. A ventilation system using the building concealed space (return air plenum) from a clean room is not acceptable.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002.

General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:14:19. Air filters. The ventilation systems serving sensitive areas such as operating rooms, delivery rooms, nurseries, isolation rooms, laboratory sterile rooms, and the recirculated central air systems serving other hospital areas must be equipped with a minimum of two filter beds. Filter bed number one must be located upstream of the conditioning equipment and must have a minimum efficiency of 30 percent. Filter bed number two must be located downstream of the conditioning equipment and must have a minimum efficiency of 90 percent. Central systems using 100 percent outdoor air and serving other than sensitive areas must be provided with filters rated at 80 percent efficiency. These filter efficiencies must be warranted by the manufacturer and must be based on the ASHRAE 52.1, 1992 edition, American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning Engineers dust spot test method with atmospheric dust. The exhausts from all laboratory hoods in which infectious or radioactive materials are processed must be equipped with filters with a 99 percent efficiency. Filter frames must be durable and must provide an airtight fit with the enclosing ductwork. All joints between filter segments and the enclosing ductwork must have positive seal against air leakage.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.


44:04:14:20. Ducts. Ducts which penetrate construction intended for X ray or other ray protection must not impair the effectiveness of the protection. Porous duct lining materials may not be used in the interior of duct systems serving sensitive areas such as operating and delivery rooms, nurseries, and isolation rooms.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:14:21. Plumbing fixture devices. Flush valves installed on plumbing fixtures must be of a quiet operating type equipped with silencers. Bedpan flushing devices must be provided in each patient toilet room and in the soiled workrooms.
44:04:14:22. Operating and delivery room lighting. Operating and delivery rooms must have general lighting for the room in addition to special lighting units at the surgical and obstetrical tables. Each special lighting unit for local lighting at tables must be connected to an independent circuit.

44:04:14:23. Equipment installation in special areas. X ray stationary installations and mobile equipment must conform to rules of the state electrical commission.

44:04:14:24. Emergency electric supply. Each facility must have an emergency source of electric supply to provide electricity during an interruption of the normal electric supply. The source of emergency electric supply must be an automatic emergency generating set when the normal service is supplied by one or more central station transmission lines, or an automatic generating set or a central station transmission line when the normal electric supply is generated on the premises. The required emergency generating set, including the prime mover and generator, must be located on the premises. The emergency generator set must be of sufficient kilowatt capacity to supply all lighting and power load demands of the emergency system.

44:04:14:25. Emergency electrical circuit connections. Emergency electrical service must be furnished to circuits as follows:

1. Lighting of exit ways and all necessary ways of approach to them, including exit signs and exit direction signs, exterior of exits, exit doorways, stairways, and corridors;
2. Surgical, obstetrical, and emergency room operating lights;
3. Lighting for nursery, laboratory, recovery room, intensive care areas, nursing stations, medication preparation areas, and labor rooms;
4. Lighting for the generator set location, the switch gear location, and the boiler room;
(5) Equipment essential to life safety and for protection of important equipment or vital materials;
(6) Nurses calling system;
(7) Alarm system, including fire alarms actuated at manual stations;
(8) Water flow alarm devices of sprinkler system if electrically operated;
(9) Fire detecting and smoke detecting systems;
(10) Paging or speaker systems if intended for issuing instructions during emergency conditions;
(11) Alarms required for nonflammable medical gas systems, if installed;
(12) Receptacles for incubators for infants;
(13) Pump for central suction system;
(14) Sewage or sump lift pump, if installed;
(15) Receptacles for blood bank refrigerator;
(16) At least two duplex receptacles for the laboratory;
(17) Receptacles in operating, recovery, intensive care, and delivery rooms except those for X ray;
(18) At least one duplex receptacle in each nursery;
(19) Duplex receptacles in patient corridors; and
(20) Equipment, such as burners and pumps, necessary for operation of one or more boilers required for heating and sterilization and their necessary auxiliaries and controls.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.
General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

If electricity is the only source of power normally used for space heating, the emergency service must provide for heating of operating, delivery, labor, recovery, intensive care, nurseries, and patient rooms. Emergency heating of patient rooms is not required if the hospital is supplied by at least two utility service feeders, each supplied by separate generating sources, or a network distribution system fed by two or more generators, with the facility feeders routed, connected, and protected so that a fault any place between the generators and the facility will not be likely to cause an interruption of more than one of the facility service feeders.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.
General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

The emergency electrical system must be so controlled that after interruption of the normal electric power supply the generator is brought to full voltage and frequency and connected within ten seconds through one or more primary automatic transfer switches to all emergency lighting; all alarms; blood banks; nurses' call; equipment necessary for maintaining telephone service; pump for central suction system; and receptacles in operating and delivery rooms, patient corridors, recovery rooms, intensive care nursing areas, and nurseries. All other lighting and equipment required to be connected to the emergency system must either be connected through the primary automatic transfer switching or must be subsequently connected through other automatic or manual transfer switching. Receptacles connected to the emergency system must be distinctively marked for identification.
Storage-battery-powered lights, provided to augment the emergency lighting or for continuity of lighting during the interim of transfer switching immediately following an interruption of the normal service supply, may not be used as a substitute for the required generator. If fuel is normally stored on the site, the storage capacity must be sufficient for 24-hour operation. If fuel is normally piped underground to the site from a utility distribution system, storage facilities on the site are not required.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**CHAPTER 44:04:15**

**LONG-TERM CARE ADDITIONAL STANDARDS**

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**44:04:15:01. Application of chapter.** This chapter applies to all new facilities and to renovations, additions, and changes in space use in existing nursing facilities and assisted living centers.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**44:04:15:02. Administration department.** The administration department must include a business office, administrator's office, lobby, public and staff toilet rooms, office for the director of nurses, social service office, dietary service office, and housekeeper's office.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**44:04:15:03. Medical records unit.** The medical records unit must include active and closed record storage and a work area.
**44:04:15:04. Storage rooms.** There must be at least 10 square feet (0.929 square meters) of central storage provided for each bed. General storage must be concentrated in one area in the facility, but up to 50 percent of the general storage space may be provided on the premises. Each resident must be provided with an individual closet with an area of at least 5 square feet (0.465 square meters) which is directly connected to the resident room.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**44:04:15:05. Patient or resident dining and recreation area.** The total areas set aside for patient or resident dining, recreation, and other central use areas must not be less than 40 square feet (3.71 square meters) for each bed and each day-care patient. The resident dining space must be at least 25 square feet (2.32 square meters) for each bed in the nursing facility and must be at least 20 square feet (1.86 square meters) in assisted living centers. Additional space must be provided for day-care patients or residents if they participate in a day-care program. Storage must be provided for recreational equipment and supplies.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**44:04:15:06. Emergency electrical service.** Automatic emergency lighting for exit ways, nurses' stations, and the boiler room and power for the fire alarm system must be provided in nursing facilities. Emergency electrical service must be provided from an automatic generator set and automatic transfer switches serving emergency panels in nursing facilities. Automatic battery power must be supplied to the required lighting and the fire alarm system in assisted living facilities.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**44:04:15:07. Outside area.** Each secure unit shall have for the residents access to an outdoor area that is enclosed by a fence. The fence must extend to a minimum of six feet above grade level and be designed to be safe for resident contact. Hard surface walking paths must be provided in the outside area. If the access to the outside area is through a required building exit, the area must be large enough to allow movement away from the building structure a distance of 50 feet and have a gate to exit the outside area and allow access for maintenance.

**Source:** 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:15:08. Secured unit locations. Any secured unit must be located at grade level and have direct access to an outside area.

General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

CHAPTER 44:04:16

AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER STANDARDS

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44:04:16:01. Application of chapter. An ambulatory surgery center may provide only those services for which it is qualified and licensed. Any limitation must be noted on the face of the license.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-7, 34-12-13.

44:04:16:02. Physical environment. Ambulatory surgery centers must comply with all applicable physical environment standards in chapter 44:04:02. No system of water supply, plumbing, sewage, and garbage or refuse disposal for ambulatory surgery centers may be installed nor may any existing system be materially altered or extended until complete plans and specifications for the installation, alteration, or extension, together with information as the department may require, have been submitted to and approved by the department.
44:04:16:03. Construction standards. Ambulatory surgery centers must comply with all applicable construction standards in chapters 44:04:13 and 44:04:14. No construction may begin until plans and specifications covering the construction of new buildings and additions or material alterations to existing buildings are approved by the department. A written narrative describing the intended use of the proposed construction must accompany the plans and specifications.


44:04:16:05. General fire safety. An ambulatory surgery center must be constructed, arranged, equipped, maintained, and operated to avoid undue danger to the lives and safety of its occupants from fire, smoke, fumes, or resulting panic during the period of time reasonably necessary for escape from the structure in case of fire or other emergency. Compliance with this section does not eliminate or reduce the necessity for other provisions for safety of persons using the structure under normal occupancy conditions.

44:04:16:06. Governing body. An ambulatory surgery center must have an organized governing body which complies with the provisions of §§ 44:04:04:02 to 44:04:04:04, inclusive. In addition, the governing body must do the following:

1. Appoint the medical staff and grant privileges in accordance with the bylaws of the medical staff and governing body;

2. Maintain personnel records on each employee, including job application, professional licensing information, and health information;

3. Establish procedures for transfer to a hospital of patients requiring immediate medical care beyond the capacity of the ambulatory surgery center;
(4) Assure that all patients admitted to the ambulatory surgery center are under the care of a physician who is a member of the medical staff;

(5) Assure the provision of equipment in good repair within the ambulatory surgery center to provide efficient services and protection to the patients and staff;

(6) Provide for the patient all essential medical information, including diagnosis, if a patient is transferred to another health care facility; and

(7) Provide a written plan for the evacuation of patients, visitors, and personnel in the event of fire or other disaster within the ambulatory surgery center and an alarm system to notify personnel. Personnel must be acquainted with the evacuation plan.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:16:07. Medical staff. An ambulatory surgery center must have a medical staff organized under bylaws and rules approved by the governing body and responsible to the governing body for the quality of all medical care provided patients in the ambulatory surgery center and for the ethical and professional practices of its members. The medical staff must establish a credentials committee to review the qualifications of practitioners applying for membership to the medical staff and recommend to the governing body practitioners eligible for appointment to the medical staff by the governing body. The review must include recommendations regarding delineation of privileges. In addition, the medical staff must do the following:

(1) Hold at least quarterly meetings for which records of attendance and minutes are kept;

(2) At least biennially review and analyze the clinical experience of its members and the medical records of patients on sampling or another basis. All techniques and procedures involving diagnosis and treatment of patients must be reviewed annually and must be subject to change by the medical staff;

(3) Assure that all persons admitted to the ambulatory surgery center are under the care of a physician; and

(4) Assure that all medical orders are given by a practitioner and recorded in accordance with the medical staff bylaws and rules. All orders must be signed or countersigned by the attending physician.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:16:08. Employee health program. Ambulatory surgery center employees must comply with the provisions of § 44:04:04:06.

Source: 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; repealed, 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:16:10. Scope of surgical services. The ambulatory surgery center services are limited to those surgical and other medical procedures that may be safely performed in a dedicated operating room or suite and which may require a postoperative recovery room or short-term, not overnight, convalescent room. An ambulatory surgery center may not retain patients overnight. Surgical procedures which may not be performed in an ambulatory surgery center includes those that:

(1) Generally result in extensive blood loss;
(2) Require major or prolonged invasion of body cavities;
(3) Directly involve major blood vessels;
(4) Are generally emergent or life-threatening in nature; or
(5) Require admission to a hospital on an inpatient basis in order to have the procedure performed or to recover from the procedure.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:16:11. Nursing services. Each ambulatory surgery center must have an organized nursing service under the direction of a registered nurse. At least one registered nurse must be on duty in the ambulatory surgery center at all times when a patient is in the facility. Written policies and procedures consistent with the standards of nursing practices must be developed for the direction and guidance of nursing personnel. All licensed practical nurses and other nursing personnel involved in patient care must be under the direct supervision of a registered nurse. When general anesthetics are used, at least one registered nurse other than the individual administering anesthesia must be available in each operating room during surgical procedures. Nursing personnel must be familiar with the location and trained in the operation and use of emergency and resuscitative equipment.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.


44:04:16:12. Anesthesia services. The requirements for anesthesia services in ambulatory surgery centers are as follows:
(1) The anesthesia service must be under the direction of a physician;

(2) A physician must be on the premises during the postanesthetic recovery period until all patients are alert or discharged;

(3) When a general anesthetic is used, at least one registered nurse must be in the recovery room during the patient's postanesthetic recovery period;

(4) Policies and procedures on the administration of anesthetics must be developed by the medical staff and approved by the governing body;

(5) Prior to undergoing general anesthesia, patients must have a history and physical examination by a physician, including necessary laboratory examinations;

(6) Before discharge from the facility, each patient must be evaluated by a physician for proper anesthesia recovery;

(7) Monthly inspections must be made by designated personnel of all areas where flammable anesthetics are administered or stored to insure safeguards are being observed by personnel and equipment meets safety standards. A written record of inspections must be kept. If the ambulatory surgery center provides written assurance to the department that no flammable anesthetics will be administered and the area is posted to that effect, safety inspections are not required; and

(8) All anesthetics must be administered by an anesthesiologist or anesthetist, except for local anesthetic agents which may be administered by the attending physician.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:16:13. Pharmaceutical services. The requirements for pharmaceutical services in ambulatory surgery centers are as follows:

(1) A physician or a pharmacist must be responsible for the supervision of drug stocks in the facility;

(2) Records must be kept of stock supplies of all drugs and must give an accounting for all items purchased and dispensed;

(3) Policies and procedures on drug handling, storing, labeling, and dispensing must be in writing and available to personnel; and

(4) All drugs in the facility must be labeled with drug name, strength, and expiration date and must be stored in specially designated, well illuminated cabinets, closets, or storerooms. Drug cabinets must be accessible only to the registered nurse in charge, the physician, or the pharmacist. All drugs controlled pursuant to SDCL 34-20B must be kept in a securely locked box, accessible only to the physician, registered nurse in charge, or the pharmacist.
44:04:16:14. Laboratory services. Laboratory services performed in an ambulatory surgery center must be under the supervision of a qualified director or must be done by a laboratory that has CLIA certification. Blood, blood products, and equipment required for their administration must be provided to meet the needs of the patients. There must be written policies and procedures regarding administration of blood and blood products, as well as the investigation of possible transfusion reactions.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

Cross-Reference: Clinical laboratory services, § 44:04:10:01.

44:04:16:15. Radiological services. An ambulatory surgery center must be able to provide or arrange with an outside service for the provision of diagnostic radiology services in connection with surgery to be performed. Facilities must comply with §§ 44:04:10:05 to 44:04:10:08, inclusive.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:16:16. Surgical services equipment. An ambulatory surgery center must be designed and equipped for the types of procedures to be performed. Emergency equipment available to the operating rooms shall minimally include the following:

(1) An emergency call system;
(2) Oxygen;
(3) Mechanical ventilatory assistance equipment including airways, manual breathing bag, and ventilator;
(4) Cardiac defibrillator;
(5) Cardiac monitoring equipment;
(6) Thoracotomy set;
(7) Tracheostomy set;
(8) Laryngoscopes and endotracheal tubes;
(9) Suction equipment; and
(10) Emergency drugs and supplies specified by the medical staff.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.
**44:04:16:17. Medical records.** A medical record must be maintained for each patient in an ambulatory surgery center in conformance with chapter 44:04:09.

**Source:** 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**CHAPTER 44:04:17**

**RESIDENTS' RIGHTS IN NURSING FACILITIES AND ASSISTED LIVING CENTERS**

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**44:04:17:01. Application of chapter -- Residents' rights policies.** Nursing facilities and assisted living centers must comply with this chapter. A nursing facility or assisted living center must establish policies consistent with this chapter to protect and promote the rights of each resident.

**Source:** 19 SDR 95, effective January 7, 1993; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**44:04:17:02. Facility to inform resident of rights.** Prior to or at the time of admission, a facility must inform the resident, both orally and in writing, of the resident's rights and of the rules governing the resident's conduct and responsibilities while living in the facility. The resident must acknowledge in writing that the resident received the information. During the resident's stay the facility must notify the resident, both orally and in writing, of any changes to the original information. The information must contain the following:

1. The resident's right to exercise the resident's rights as a resident of the facility and as a citizen of the United States;
(2) The resident's right to be free of interference, coercion, discrimination, and reprisal from the facility in exercising the resident's rights;

(3) The resident's right to have a person appointed to act on the resident's behalf. If a resident has been adjudged incompetent or incapacitated, the resident's rights shall be exercised by the person appointed under state law to act on the resident's behalf. If a resident has not been adjudged to be incompetent or incapacitated, the resident's rights may be exercised by the legal surrogate recognized under state law, whether statutory or as recognized by the courts of the state to act on the resident's behalf. The facility must record and keep up to date the appointed person's address and phone number;

(4) The resident's right to access records pertaining to the resident. The resident may purchase photocopies of the resident's records or any portions of them. The cost to the resident may not exceed community standards for photocopying, and the facility must provide the photocopies within two working days after the request;

(5) The resident's right to be fully informed of the resident's total health status, including functional status, medical care, nursing care, nutritional status, rehabilitation and restorative potential, activities potential, cognitive status, oral health, psychosocial status, and sensory and physical impairments;

(6) The resident's right to refuse treatment and to refuse to participate in experimental research. A resident's right to refuse treatment does not absolve a facility from responsibility to provide for necessary medical services and treatment. Residents who refuse treatment must be informed of the results of that refusal, plus any alternatives that may be available;

(7) The resident's right to formulate a durable power of attorney for health care as provided in SDCL chapter 59-7 and a living will declaration as provided in SDCL chapter 34-12D; and

(8) The resident's right to receive visitors. Visiting hours and policies of the facility must permit and encourage the visiting of residents by friends and relatives.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 19 SDR 95, effective January 7, 1993; subdivision (8) transferred from § 44:04:12:03, 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 27 SDR 59, effective December 17, 2000.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:17:03. Facility to provide information on available services. A facility must provide the following information in writing to each resident:

(1) A list of services available in the facility and the charges for such services. The facility must specify which items and services are included in the services for which the resident may not be charged, those other items and services that the facility offers and for which the resident may be charged, and the amount of any such charges;

(2) A description of how a resident can protect personal funds;

(3) A list of names, addresses, and telephone numbers of client advocates;
(4) A description of how to file a complaint with the department concerning abuse, neglect, and misappropriation of resident property;

(5) A description of how the resident can contact the resident's physician, including the name and specialty of the physician;

(6) A description of how to apply for and use Medicare and Medicaid benefits, and the right to establish eligibility for Medicaid, including the addresses and telephone numbers of the nearest office of the South Dakota Department of Social Services and of the United States Social Security Administration;

(7) A description of the bed-hold policy which indicates the length of time the bed will be held for the resident, any policies regarding the held bed, and readmission rights of the resident; and

(8) A description explaining the responsibilities of the resident and family members regarding self-administered medication.

A signed and dated admission agreement between the resident or the resident's legal representative and the facility must include subdivisions (1) to (8), inclusive, of this section. The resident or resident's legal representative and the facility shall complete the admission agreement before or at the time of admission and before the resident has made a commitment for payment for proposed or actual care. The agreement may not include ambiguous or misleading information and may not be in conflict with this chapter. The agreement must be printed for ease of reading by the resident. If the agreement exceeds three pages, it must contain a table of contents or an index of principal sections. Any change in the information must be given to the resident or the resident's legal representative as a signed and dated addendum to the original agreement.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:17:04. Notification when resident's condition changes. A facility must immediately inform the resident, consult with the resident's physician, and, if known, notify the resident's legal representative or interested family member when any of the following occurs:

(1) An accident involving the resident which results in injury or has the potential for requiring intervention by a physician;
(2) A significant change in the resident's physical, mental, or psychosocial status;
(3) A need to alter treatment significantly; or
(4) A decision to transfer or discharge the resident from the facility.

Source: 19 SDR 95, effective January 7, 1993; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.
44:04:17:05. Notification of resident's room assignment or rights change. A facility must promptly notify the resident and, if known, the resident's legal representative, as specified in SDCL 34-12C-3, or interested family member when there has been a change in the resident's room or roommate assignment or when there has been a change in the resident's rights.

Source: 19 SDR 95, effective January 7, 1993; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:17:06. Right to manage financial affairs. A resident may manage personal financial affairs. A facility may not require residents to deposit their personal funds with the facility. If the resident chooses to deposit funds with the facility and gives written authorization, the facility must hold the funds in accordance with SDCL 34-12-15.1 to 34-12-15.10, inclusive. This section does not apply to assisted living centers which do not manage residents' personal funds.

Source: 19 SDR 95, effective January 7, 1993; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:17:07. Choice in planning care. A resident may choose a personal attending physician, be fully informed in advance about care and treatment and of any changes in that care or treatment that may affect the resident's well-being, and, unless adjudged incompetent or otherwise found to be incapacitated under the laws of the state, participate in planning care and treatment or changes in care or treatment.

Source: 19 SDR 95, effective January 7, 1993; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

Cross-References:
Right to choose own physician unimpaired by public health programs -- Misdemeanor, SDCL 34-1-20.
Rights of authorized person as incapacitated person, SDCL 34-12C-6.
Liability of health care provider -- Liability of authorized decision maker, SDCL 34-12C-7.

44:04:17:08. Privacy and confidentiality. A facility must provide for privacy and confidentiality for the resident, including the resident's accommodations, medical treatment, written and telephone communications, personal care, visits, and meetings of family and resident groups. A facility is not required to provide a private room for each resident. A facility must permit residents to perform the following:

1. To send and receive unopened mail and to have access to stationery, postage, and writing implements at the resident's own expense;

2. To access and use a telephone without being overheard;

3. To visit a spouse or, if both are residents of the same facility, to share a room with the spouse, within the capacity of the facility, upon the consent of both spouses;
(4) Except in an emergency, to have room doors closed and to require knocking before entering the resident's room;

(5) To have only authorized staff present during treatment or activities of personal hygiene;

(6) To retire and rise according to the resident's wishes, as long as the resident does not disturb other residents;

(7) To meet, associate, and communicate with any person of the resident's choice in a private place within the facility;

(8) To participate in social, religious, and community activities that do not interfere with the rights of other residents in the facility; and

(9) To approve or refuse the release of personal and medical records to any individual outside the facility, except when the resident is transferred to another health care facility or when the release of the record is required by law. With the resident's permission, a facility must allow the state ombudsman or a representative of the ombudsman access to the resident's medical records.

Source: 19 SDR 95, effective January 7, 1993; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

Cross-Reference: Written policies and confidentiality of records, § 44:04:09:04.

44:04:17:09. Quality of life. A facility must provide care and an environment that contributes to the resident's quality of life, including:

(1) A safe, clean, comfortable, and homelike environment;

(2) Maintenance or enhancement of the resident's ability to preserve individuality, exercise self-determination, and control everyday physical needs;

(3) Freedom from physical or chemical restraints imposed for purposes of discipline or convenience;

(4) Freedom from verbal, sexual, physical, and mental abuse and from involuntary seclusion, neglect, or exploitation imposed by anyone, and theft of personal property;

(5) Retention and use of personal possessions, including furnishings and clothing, as space permits, unless to do so would infringe upon the rights or health and safety of other residents; and

(6) Support and coordination to assure pain is recognized and addressed appropriately.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

Cross-Reference: Care policies for nursing facilities, § 44:04:04:11.

44:04:17:10. Grievances. A resident may voice grievances without discrimination or reprisal. A resident's grievance may be in writing or oral and may relate to treatment furnished, treatment that has not been furnished, the behavior of other residents, and infringement of the
resident's rights. A facility must adopt a grievance process and make the process known to each resident and to the resident's immediate family. The grievance process must include the facility's efforts to resolve the grievance and documentation of:

(1) The grievance;
(2) The names of the persons involved;
(3) The disposition of the matter; and
(4) The date of disposition.

Source: 19 SDR 95, effective January 7, 1993; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:17:11. Availability of survey results. A resident may examine the results of the department's most recent survey of the facility and any plan of correction in effect. A facility must make available, in a place readily accessible to residents, results of the department's most recent survey, and if applicable, the survey conducted by the United States Department of Health and Human Services and any plans of correction in effect.

Source: 19 SDR 95, effective January 7, 1993; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 27 SDR 59, effective December 17, 2000.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:17:12. Right to refuse to perform services. A resident may refuse to perform services on behalf of the facility, unless otherwise agreed to in the resident's plan of care. The resident may perform services for the facility when the following conditions are met:

(1) The plan of care includes documentation of the need or desire for work;
(2) The nature of the services performed is specified, including whether the services are voluntary or paid;
(3) Compensation for paid services is at or above prevailing rates; and
(4) The resident agrees to the work arrangement.

Source: 19 SDR 95, effective January 7, 1993; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:17:13. Self-administration of drugs. A resident may self-administer drugs if the interdisciplinary team consisting of selected healthcare workers and licensed health professionals has determined the practice to be safe. The determination must state whether the resident or the nursing staff is responsible for storage of the drug and documentation of its administration in accordance with chapter 44:04:08. In an assisted living center a resident may self-administer drugs if the registered nurse (if applicable) and physician have determined the practice to be safe.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

Cross-References: Medication control, ch 44:04:08; Restricted admissions to assisted living centers, § 44:04:04:12(6).

44:04:17:14. Admission, transfer, and discharge policies. A facility must establish and maintain policies and practices for admission, discharge, and transfer of residents which prohibit discrimination based upon payment source and which are made known to residents at or before the time of admission. The policies and practices must include:

(1) The resident may remain in the facility and may not be transferred or discharged unless the resident's needs and welfare cannot be met by the facility, the resident's health has improved sufficiently so the resident no longer needs the services provided by the facility, the safety or health of individuals in the facility is endangered by the resident, the resident has failed to pay for allowable billed services as agreed to, or the facility ceases to operate;

(2) The facility must notify the resident and a family member or client advocate in writing at least 30 days before the transfer or discharge unless a change in the resident's health requires immediate transfer or discharge or the resident has not resided in the facility for 30 days. The written notice must specify the reason for and effective date of the transfer or discharge and the location to which the resident will be transferred or discharged;

(3) Conditions under which the resident may request or refuse transfer within the facility; and

(4) A description of how the resident may appeal a decision by the facility to transfer or discharge the resident.

Source: 19 SDR 95, effective January 7, 1993; 22 SDR 70, effective November 10. 1995.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

CHAPTER 44:04:18

NURSE AIDES

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44:04:18:01. Application of chapter. Facilities defined in SDCL 34-12-1.1(7) must comply with §§ 44:04:18:02 to 44:04:18:30, inclusive.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-29.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-29.

44:04:18:02. Employment of qualified nurse aides required. Nurse aides employed by a nursing facility must meet the following minimum qualifications of training, competency evaluation, registry status, and performance:

1) Successful completion of a training program and a competency evaluation program approved by the department pursuant to §§ 44:04:18:07 and 44:04:18:17;

2) Verification from the department of current registry status or eligibility for inclusion on the registry;

3) Acceptable employment performance as a nurse aide as documented by the aide's supervisor; and

4) Annual attendance at a minimum of 12 hours of in-service education related to results of performance review and of special resident needs.

Source: 21 SDR 118, effective January 2, 1995; 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-29.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-29.
44:04:18:03. **Exception for employment of unqualified nurse aides.** A nursing facility may employ for a maximum of four months an individual to provide nurse aide duties who has not met the qualifications of § 44:04:18:02 if the individual is enrolled in a training and competency evaluation program approved by the department pursuant to §§ 44:04:18:07 and 44:04:18:17 or if the individual can prove that approved training and competency evaluation has been completed and the individual has not yet been included on the registry. The nursing facility must ensure that such an individual actually obtains registry status within the four-month period.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-29.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-29.

44:04:18:04. **Multistate registry verification required.** A nursing facility must seek information from every state registry that the facility has reason to believe has information on the individual before allowing the individual to work as a nurse aide.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-29.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-29.

44:04:18:05. **Nursing facility required to maintain records.** A nursing facility must maintain employment records that verify the qualifications of the nurse aides as outlined in § 44:04:18:02.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-29.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-29.

44:04:18:06. **Nursing facility required to pay costs of training and competency evaluation.** A nursing facility must pay all costs of nurse aide training and competency evaluation or reimburse the nurse aide for the cost incurred in completing the program if the facility employs the aide within twelve months following completion of the training program. Reimbursement may be made during the first twelve months of employment by installments.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-29.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-29.

44:04:18:07. **Approval and reapproval of nurse aide training programs.** The department must approve nurse aide training programs. To obtain approval, the entity providing the nurse aide training program must submit to the department an application on a form provided by the department that contains information demonstrating compliance with requirements specified in this chapter. The department shall respond within 90 days after receipt of the application. The department may grant approval for a maximum of two years.

At the end of the approval period, the entity must apply for reapproval. As part of the reapproval process, the department shall conduct an unannounced on-site visit to determine compliance with the requirements.

44:04:18:08. **Notice of change in approved training program.** The entity offering an approved nurse aide training program must submit to the department, within 30 days after the change, any substantive changes made to the program during the two-year approval period. The department shall notify the entity of its approval within 90 days after receipt of the information.

**Source:** 21 SDR 118, effective January 2, 1995.
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-29.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-29.

44:04:18:09. **Denial or withdrawal of approval of training program.** The department may deny or withdraw approval of a nurse aide training program if one of the following conditions applies to the nursing facility within the 24 months preceding the current survey:

1. The facility has been found to be out of compliance with the provision of care requirements in chapter 44:04:04 or the nursing service requirements in chapter 44:04:06;

2. The facility has been issued a probationary license;

3. The facility refuses to permit an unannounced visit by the department;

4. The facility fails to maintain a 75 percent pass rate on the competency evaluation for the two-year approval period;

5. There is evidence that the facility has charged the nurse aide a fee for a portion of the training or competency evaluation.

The department shall notify the entity in writing of the reason for withdrawal or denial of approval. Nurse aides currently enrolled in a program whose approval is withdrawn may complete the program with that entity.

**Source:** 21 SDR 118, effective January 2, 1995.
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-29.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-29.

44:04:18:10. **Qualifications of program coordinator.** The program coordinator of a nurse aide training program must be a registered nurse. The program coordinator is responsible for the general supervision of the program. General supervision means providing guidance for the program and maintaining ultimate responsibility for the course. The program coordinator must have a minimum of two years of nursing experience, at least one year of which is in the provision of long-term care services. The director of nursing of a facility may serve simultaneously as the program coordinator but may not perform training while serving as the director of nursing.

**Source:** 21 SDR 118, effective January 2, 1995.
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-29.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-29.
44:04:18:11. Qualifications of primary instructor. The primary instructor of a nurse aide training program must be a licensed nurse. The primary instructor is the actual teacher of course material. The primary instructor must have a minimum of two years of nursing experience, at least one year of which is in the provision of long-term care services. The primary instructor must have completed a course of instruction in teaching adults or must have experience in teaching adults within the past five years.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-29.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-29.

44:04:18:12. Qualifications of supplemental personnel. Supplemental personnel may assist with the instruction of nurse aides. One year of experience in the individual's respective field of practice is required.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-29.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-29.

44:04:18:13. Supervision of students. Students in a nurse aide training program may not perform any services unless they have been trained and found to be proficient by the instructor. Students in a training program may perform services only under the supervision of a licensed nurse.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-29.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-29.

44:04:18:14. Physical facilities. Classrooms, conference rooms, laboratories, and equipment must be available in the number and size to accommodate the number of nurse aides enrolled in the training program. Programs must provide temperature control, lighting, and clean, safe conditions for instruction.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-29.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-29.

44:04:18:15. Nurse aide curriculum. The curriculum of the nurse aide training program must address the medical, psychosocial, physical, and environmental needs of the patients or residents served by the nursing facility. Each unit of instruction must include behaviorally stated objectives with measurable performance criteria. The nurse aide training program must consist of at least 75 hours of classroom and clinical instruction, including the following:

(1) Sixteen hours of training in the following areas before the nurse aide has any direct contact with a patient or resident:

(a) Communication and interpersonal skills;
(b) Infection control;
(c) Safety/emergency procedures, including the Heimlich maneuver;
(d) Promoting patients' and residents' independence; and
(e) Respecting patients' and residents' rights;

(2) Sixteen hours of supervised practical training, with enough instructors to ensure that nursing care is provided with effective assistance and supervision. The ratio may not be less than one instructor for each eight students in the clinical setting;

(3) Instruction in each of the following content areas:

(a) Basic nursing skills:

(i) Taking and recording vital signs;
(ii) Measuring and recording height and weight;
(iii) Caring for the patients' or residents' environment;
(iv) Recognizing abnormal changes in body functioning and the importance of reporting such changes to a supervisor; and
(v) Caring for patients or residents when death is imminent;

(b) Personal care skills, including the following:

(i) Bathing;
(ii) Grooming, including mouth care;
(iii) Dressing;
(iv) Toileting;
(v) Assisting with eating and hydration;
(vi) Feeding techniques;
(vii) Skin care; and
(viii) Transfers, positioning, and turning;

(c) Mental health and social services:

(i) Modifying aides' behavior in response to patients' or residents' behavior;
(ii) Awareness of developmental tasks associated with the aging process;
(iii) How to respond to patients' or residents' behavior;
(iv) Allowing the patient or resident to make personal choices, providing and reinforcing other behavior consistent with the patient's or resident's dignity; and
(v) Using the patient's or resident's family as a source of emotional support;

(d) Care of cognitively impaired patients or residents, including the following:

(i) Techniques for addressing the unique needs and behaviors of individuals with dementia;
(ii) Communicating with cognitively impaired patients or residents;
(iii) Understanding the behavior of cognitively impaired patients or residents;
(iv) Appropriate responses to the behavior of cognitively impaired patients or residents; and
(v) Methods of reducing the effects of cognitive impairments;

(e) Basic restorative nursing services, including the following:
(i) Training the patient or resident in self-care according to the patient's or resident's abilities;
(ii) Use of assistive devices in transferring, ambulation, eating, and dressing;
(iii) Maintenance of range of motion;
(iv) Proper turning and positioning in bed and chair;
(v) Bowel and bladder control care training; and
(vi) Care and use of prosthetic and orthotic devices;

(f) Residents' rights, including the following:

(i) Providing privacy and maintaining confidentiality;
(ii) Promoting the patients' or residents' right to make personal choices to accommodate their needs;
(iii) Giving assistance in reporting grievances and disputes;
(iv) Providing needed assistance in getting to and participating in resident and family groups and other activities;
(v) Maintaining care and security of patients' or residents' personal possessions;
(vi) Promoting the patient's or resident's right to be free from abuse, mistreatment, and neglect and understanding the need to report any instances of such treatment to appropriate facility staff;
(vii) Avoiding the need for restraints.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-29.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-29.

44:04:18:16. Equivalency of education. An individual may meet the 75-hour training requirement by equivalency of education. A nursing facility shall make a request to the department in writing for an equivalency determination, including proof of training with the request.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-29.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-29.

44:04:18:17. Nurse aide competency evaluation program standards. A nurse aide competency evaluation program must meet the following standards:

(1) The nurse aide must be informed by the facility that a record of successful completion of the evaluation will be included in the registry;

(2) The evaluation must consist of two elements:

(a) The competency evaluation component may be offered as either a written or oral examination. This component of the evaluation must:

(i) Include each curriculum requirement specified in § 44:04:18:15;
(ii) Be developed from a pool of test questions, with no more than 20 percent of prior questions used on a succeeding examination;
(iii) Use a system that prevents disclosure of the content of the examination; and
(iv) If oral, be read from a prepared text in a neutral manner;
(b) The skills demonstration component must consist of a minimum of five tasks randomly selected from a pool of tasks generally performed by nurse aides. The pool of skills must include all of the personal care skills listed in subdivision 44:04:18:15(3)(b). The skills demonstration tasks must be performed on a live person.

**Source:** 21 SDR 118, effective January 2, 1995.
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-29.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-29.

44:04:18:18. Competency evaluation program administration standards. The competency evaluation may be administered by a nursing facility. The entity that administers competency evaluations must meet the requirements of this section and must have the approval of the department:

(1) The written or oral examination must be administered by an individual with previous group testing experience;

(2) The skills demonstration must be administered by a registered nurse who has at least one year's experience in providing care for the elderly or the chronically ill and who has taken a skills demonstration rater training course;

(3) The skills demonstration must be conducted in a nursing facility or laboratory setting comparable to the setting in which the nurse aide functions and must accommodate the number of nurse aides enrolled in the competency evaluation program.

**Source:** 21 SDR 118, effective January 2, 1995; 30 SDR 84, effective December 4, 2003.
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-29.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-29.

44:04:18:19. Nursing facility proctoring of examination. The written, oral, or skills demonstration examination may be conducted in a nursing facility and proctored by facility personnel if the facility obtains department approval before giving the examinations. The nursing facility must ensure that the examination is secure from tampering. Department approval may be withdrawn if there is evidence of tampering. Scoring of the examination must be done by the professional testing company under contract with the department to administer the examination.

**Source:** 21 SDR 118, effective January 2, 1995; 30 SDR 84, effective December 4, 2003.
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-29.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-29.

44:04:18:20. Notification to individual regarding successful or unsuccessful completion of the competency evaluation program. The facility offering the examination must advise in advance any individual who takes a competency evaluation that a record of the successful completion of the evaluation will be included in the registry. To be listed in the registry, a nurse aide must pass the written or oral portion and the skills demonstration portion of the competency evaluation with a score of at least 75 percent. If the nurse aide does not achieve a score of 75 percent, the facility must advise the nurse aide of the areas failed. The nurse aide may have two additional opportunities to complete evaluation successfully.
44:04:18:21. **Operation of nurse aide registry.** The department is accountable for the operation of the nurse aide registry and may designate an entity to maintain the registry. A nurse aide is listed on the registry through application or by endorsement. The department shall provide a copy of all information contained in the registry on an individual upon request. The public may contact the department at South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Licensure and Certification, 615 East 4th Street, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, or by calling 605-773-3356, to obtain information from the registry between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. central time, Monday through Friday, except for state and federal holidays.

**Source:** 21 SDR 118, effective January 2, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000.
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-29.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-29.

44:04:18:22. **Registry status by application.** A nurse aide seeking registry status must submit to the department an application, completed by the program coordinator or primary instructor, documenting successful completion of an approved training program. The entity responsible for scoring the nurse aide competency evaluation program must submit documentation of successful completion of the written or oral examination and the skills demonstration of the competency evaluation to the department within 30 days after the administration of the evaluation.

**Source:** 21 SDR 118, effective January 2, 1995.
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-29.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-29.

44:04:18:23. **Registry status by endorsement.** A nurse aide seeking registry status by endorsement from another state registry must submit to the department the following information:

1. A completed application;
2. Written documentation indicating successful completion of another state's approved nurse aide training and competency evaluation program;
3. Verification of initial listing on the nurse aide registry in another state;
4. Verification of listing on a nurse aide registry from the state of most recent employment; and
5. Documentation of employment as a nurse aide within the last 24 consecutive months.

**Source:** 21 SDR 118, effective January 2, 1995.
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-29.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-29.

44:04:18:24. **Registry content.** The registry contains the following information for each nurse aide who has gained registry status:

1. The full name of the nurse aide, including maiden name and any surnames used;
2. The last known home address;
3. The registration number;
4. The date the registry status expires;
(5) The date of birth;
(6) The most recent employment;
(7) The date of successful completion of the examination and skills demonstration components of the competency evaluation;
(8) The name and address of the professional testing service that scored the competency evaluations taken by the nurse aide; and
(9) Any disciplinary proceedings against the nurse aide, including findings of abuse, neglect, or misappropriation of patient or resident property as specified in § 44:04:18:30.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-29.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-29.

44:04:18:25. Renewal of registry status. Registry status expires two years from the date of initial registration. To renew registry status, the nurse aide must submit to the department a verification of employment for a minimum of eight hours during the preceding 24 months. An individual who has not performed any nursing or nursing-related services for monetary compensation during the preceding 24 consecutive months must complete a new competency evaluation program.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-29.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-29.

44:04:18:26. Grounds for revocation, denial, or suspension of nurse aide registry status. The department may revoke a nurse aide's current registry status if the department determines after a contested case hearing pursuant to SDCL chapter 1-26 that the nurse aide has violated the meaning of abuse or neglect as those terms are defined in § 44:04:01:01. The department may deny registry status to a nurse aide applying for registration if the nurse aide was convicted of criminal charges related to abuse or neglect of an individual. Registry status may be suspended by the department during the investigation of an allegation of abuse or neglect by a nurse aide following due process as outlined in § 44:04:18:29.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-29.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-29.

44:04:18:27. Mandatory reporting of allegations. A nursing facility must notify the department in writing, within 48 hours, of any alleged misconduct by a nurse aide related to abuse or neglect of an individual or to misappropriation of a patient's or resident's property.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-29.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-29.

44:04:18:28. Investigation of allegations. After an allegation of abuse or neglect, the facility must take steps to prevent further incidents of abuse or neglect from occurring, investigate allegations thoroughly, and take any corrective action necessary. The facility must report its findings to the department within five working days. The department, or another agency of state government, may conduct its own investigation in addition to the facility's investigation.
44:04:18:29. Notice and hearing process. The department shall follow the contested case procedure found in SDCL chapter 1-26 if a hearing is conducted:

(1) To determine if a nurse aide has engaged in abuse or neglect of an individual; or
(2) When the department denies a petition to remove a finding of neglect from the registry.

If the department has determined abuse or neglect of an individual has occurred, a notice of the right to a hearing will be sent to the nurse aide. The notice shall state the aide has 10 days from receipt of the notice to respond. The notice shall include a waiver of hearing. Failure to return the waiver or failure to request a hearing within 10 days waives the right to a hearing.

44:04:18:30. Documentation of substantiated allegations on registry. If, after a hearing on the matter, the nurse aide is found to have committed abuse or neglect of an individual, the department shall update the registry with documentation within 60 days from the date of the ruling. If a waiver of hearing is received, the department shall update the registry by flagging the nurse aide's name on the registry. The documentation remains on the registry permanently and includes the following:

(1) A summary of the allegation;
(2) A summary of the department's investigative report;
(3) The statement by the nurse aide, if one is provided;
(4) The department's decision;
(5) The waiver of the hearing, if any; and
(6) A date of the hearing, findings of fact, and conclusions of law, and the outcome, if a hearing is held.

44:04:18:31. Procedure to remove of a finding of neglect from registry. A certified nurse aide may petition for a removal of a finding of neglect after one year beginning on the date on which the finding was placed on the certified nurse aide registry.

If the department determines the employment and personal history of the certified nurse aide does not reflect a pattern of abusive behavior or neglect and the neglect in the original finding was a singular occurrence, the department may remove the finding from the registry.
The department may deny the petition if the employment and personal history of the certified nurse aide reflects a pattern of abusive behavior or neglect and the neglect involved in the original finding was not a singular occurrence. The department shall follow the procedure as provided in § 44:04:18:29.

Source: 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-29.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-29.

CHAPTER 44:04:19

ADULT FOSTER CARE

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44:04:19:01. Criteria for licensed adult foster care home owners and adult foster care home applicants. Licensed adult foster care home owners shall meet the following criteria:

(1) Neither the adult foster care home owners nor family members residing at the residence may be a habitual user of alcohol or drugs;

(2) Neither the adult foster care home owner nor family members residing at the residence may have a conviction for abusing or neglecting another person; and

(3) Any person providing supervisory care in the adult foster care home must be at least 18 years of age.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:19:02. Physical requirements of adult foster care homes. An adult foster care home shall meet the following physical requirements:
(1) A minimum of 200 square feet of floor space shall be available to the resident. This floor space shall include an easily accessible bathroom and a dining area sufficient to accommodate the resident and the adult foster care home owner's family at one setting;

(2) Sufficient sleeping space to accommodate comfortably the resident in care as well as the adult foster care home owner's family;

(3) Exit pathways must remain free of obstacles that would prevent mobility or escape during fire or other emergencies;

(4) Spaces occupied by people within buildings and their approaches must have artificial lighting at a level for general safety. Bedrooms must have general lighting and night lighting;

(5) A water supply must be derived from a public water system or, in its absence, from a supply approved by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Private water supplies must have a water sample bacteriologically tested at least monthly. The volume of water shall be sufficient to meet the needs of the adult foster care home. Maximum hot water temperatures at plumbing fixtures used by patients and residents may not exceed 120 degrees Fahrenheit (49 degrees centigrade);

(6) A working heating system. The adult foster care home owner shall maintain the temperature of the home between 68 degrees Fahrenheit and 80 degrees Fahrenheit during waking hours with a temperature no lower than 60 degrees Fahrenheit at night;

(7) A smoke detector with an audible alarm must be located on each level of the building. The alarm must be audible above the maximum normal noise level of the house. Smoke detectors must be tested monthly. All smoke detectors must be cleaned and the battery changed at least annually; and

(8) Portable space heaters and portable halogen lamps may not be used in the home.

Residents may not reside in attics. They may reside in finished basements where the living quarters, heating plant, and utility room are completely and safely segregated by one hour fire-resistant construction. Residents shall be made aware of escape procedures.

If a health department representative identifies any other condition that may be hazardous to residents, the department may direct the operator to correct the hazard.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:19:03. Nutrition requirements. A resident shall receive a minimum of three meals a day. Each meal shall include portions from each of the five basic food groups listed in the "Food Guide Pyramid," 1996, or as otherwise prescribed by a physician.


General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.

Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

**44:04:19:04. Food quality -- Storage.** Food shall be free from spoilage and contamination and shall be safe for human consumption. Fluid milk and fluid milk products used or served shall be pasteurized. Unless its identity is unmistakable, a bulk food such as cooking oil, syrup, salt, sugar, or flour not stored in the product container or package in which it was obtained shall be stored in a container identifying the food by its common name.

**Source:** 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000.
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**44:04:19:05. Personal care and health supervision.** The adult foster care home owner must provide continuous care for the resident and shall be cooperative with the department in carrying out the plan for the resident. The adult foster care home owner shall be available to assist the resident with personal care and health supervision.

**Source:** 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000.
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**44:04:19:06. Presence of the adult foster care home owner.** The adult foster care home owner shall be present during the day and night according to the needs of the resident. The adult foster care home owner may arrange for a substitute during an absence from the home. The substitute provider shall meet the criteria listed in § 44:04:19:01.

**Source:** 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000.
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**44:04:19:07. Sanitation.** The adult foster care home shall be kept clean, neat, and free of litter and rubbish. Hazardous cleaning solutions, chemicals, and poisons must be labeled, stored in a safe place, and kept in an enclosed cabinet. Garbage and refuse shall be kept in durable, easily cleanable containers that do not leak and do not absorb liquids. Garbage and refuse shall be disposed of often enough to prevent the development of odor and the attraction of insects and rodents. Sewage shall be disposed of by means of a public sewage disposal system or a septic system, and must not constitute a source of contamination of food, equipment, or utensils or otherwise create an unsanitary condition or nuisance.

**Source:** 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000.
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**44:04:19:08. Insect and rodent control.** An adult foster care home owner shall keep the house and premises free of rodents and insects. Doors and windows used for outside ventilation shall have screens.
44:04:19:09. Evacuation plan -- Fire drills. An adult foster care home shall have an evacuation plan. The adult foster care home owner shall conduct a minimum of four fire drills each year.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:19:10. Exits. There shall be two exits remote from each other on each level used for the care of a resident. Each of these exits shall provide unobstructed travel to the outside. One of these exits shall be a door or stairway leading to the outside of the building at ground level. The other exit may be a window if it meets the following requirements:

1. It can be easily opened from the inside without the use of tools;

2. It provides a clear opening with a minimum dimension of at least 20 inches in width by 24 inches in height, is at least 5.7 square feet in area, with a sill at 44 inches, and provides a safe means of escape; and

3. If a storm window, screen, or burglar guard is used, it has a quick-opening device which can be easily opened from the inside.

A ladder, folding stairs, or trap door may not be the only access to a bedroom.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

CHAPTER 44:04:20

INPATIENT CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY TREATMENT FACILITY

Section
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44:04:20:01. Application of chapter. This chapter applies to the construction and operation of any inpatient chemical dependency treatment facility, including any renovation or addition.

**Source:** 28 SDR 83, effective December 16, 2001.
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-7.

**Cross-References:** Rules of General Applicability, ch 44:04:01, for information regarding license requirements for health care facilities by the Department of Health; Alcohol and Drug Abuse, art 46:05, for the operational and care standards of programs accredited by the Department of Human Services.


Any facility plans, including renovation of existing facilities, must be reviewed for compliance with the above standards and this chapter and approved in writing by a department facilities engineer prior to commencing construction.

**Source:** 28 SDR 83, effective December 16, 2001; 29 SDR 81, effective December 11, 2002.
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-7.


### 44:04:20:03. Patient rooms.

A patient room must meet the following requirements:

(1) The maximum room capacity is two patients. Patient rooms approved prior to January 1, 2001, are acceptable as approved;

(2) The minimum clear floor area must be, exclusive of toilet rooms, closets, wardrobes, and vestibules, 100 square feet in single occupancy and 160 square feet in double occupancy;

(3) The floor of the patient room must be above grade at the building site;

(4) A separate closet space of five square feet must be provided for each patient; and

(5) Toilet rooms must be available to the patient room. If the toilet room is not attached to the patient room, the distance to the toilet room from the door to the patient room must not exceed 50 feet. The toilet room must be accessible and must contain a handwashing fixture and stool with at least a side grab bar and toilet paper dispenser.

**Source:** 28 SDR 83, effective December 16, 2001.  
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.  
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

### 44:04:20:04. Detoxification room.

The room must be only for single occupancy, be 120 square feet and have an attached toilet room with staff controlled access. The toilet room must be provided with an accessible shower, stool, and handwashing fixture.

**Source:** 28 SDR 83, effective December 16, 2001.  
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.  
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

### 44:04:20:05. Patient room furnishings.

The facility must provide the following furnishings for the patient rooms:

(1) A sturdy, comfortable bed with an impervious cover on the mattress;
(2) A pillow, two sheets, blanket, and bath towel;
(3) A dresser, drawers, or shelves for each patient;
(4) A chair, table or desk, reading lamp, and mirror for each patient; and
(5) Window coverings for privacy.

**Source:** 28 SDR 83, effective December 16, 2001.  
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.  
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.
44:04:20:06. Care units. The care unit must contain the following features:

(1) Staff work area with handwashing fixture, charting space, communication and security equipment, supply storage, and locked medication storage, including refrigerated storage and dispensing area;
(2) Staff toilet room convenient to work area. The toilet room must be accessible and must contain a handwashing fixture and stool with at least a side grab bar and toilet paper dispenser;
(3) Clean linen storage or linen cart storage room;
(4) A housekeeping room for supply and housekeeping equipment storage. A floor receptor or service sink must be provided and the adjacent wall surfaces must be protected from water damage;
(5) A bathing room for each gender served with bath fixtures in accordance with SDCL 36-25-15 and 36-25-15.1;
(6) Lounge space with a minimum area of 20 square feet for each patient;
(7) Dining space with a minimum of 20 square feet for each patient;
(8) A group room with a minimum of 150 square feet for each six patients; and
(9) A counselor office with a minimum of 100 square feet for each six patients.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:20:07. Food service. The facility food service must comply with the Food Service Code (§ 44:02:07:01 to § 44:02:07:95, inclusive, with the exception of § 44:02:07:03). If a commercial contract food service is used, dietary areas and equipment must meet sanitary storage, processing, and handling requirements of the Food Service Code. The following equipment and space must be provided in the dietary area:

(1) A receiving area for incoming food supplies;
(2) A vegetable preparation two compartment sink with a garbage disposal. This fixture requires an indirect connection to the waste line;
(3) A dry food storage;
(4) A floor receptor with moisture resistant protection for the adjacent wall surfaces;
(5) Refrigerated storage space with 15 cubic foot refrigerator capacity and 4 cubic foot freezer capacity for each 12 persons served by the dietary area. Refrigerated storage for milk, eggs, and butter must be located within 6 feet of the food preparation areas;
(6) Food production equipment designed to produce a complete meal three times daily for each person served;
(7) Food holding and transport equipment capable of protecting food from contamination and maintaining safe temperatures during the meal serving time;
(8) Hood and ventilation equipment to remove heat, moisture, cooking odors, and grease to the exterior of the building at cooking equipment. Continuous mechanical exhaust ventilation at the commercial dishwasher location to remove heat and moisture;
(9) A handwashing fixture convenient to food preparation areas and dishwashing. No mirror is allowed at these sink locations;

(10) Aisles of 36 inches clear width;

(11) If a grease trap is required by local ordinance, it must be located in a room adjacent to the dietary area;

(12) A dishwasher with a sanitizing cycle. A commercial dishwasher supplied with 180 degree Fahrenheit rinse water or a chemical sanitizing cycle is required when more than 20 meals are served;

(13) Dietary manager work space with desk and chair; and

(14) A self-dispensing ice machine. Ice from a bin type ice machine may be used for cooling food containers, but not for consumption.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:20:08. Laundry. Equipment for processing an individual patient's personal clothing, if provided, must have water supplied at 130 degrees Fahrenheit. Personal clothing must be transported to the laundry equipment in a closed container.

All common use linens and combined patients' personal clothing must be processed for disinfection using either hot water at 160 degrees Fahrenheit or chlorine bleach must be introduced to the process to provide 100 parts per million free chlorine with the water temperature reduced to 140 degrees Fahrenheit or department approved laundry disinfectant. Closed containers must be used during transport and the arrangement of equipment and the handling of linens must prevent soiled linens from contacting the processed clean linens. Air flow in the linen processing must be from clean processing areas toward the soiled holding and sorting area. Clean linens must be covered during transport to storage areas.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:20:09. Storage. A minimum of the 200 square feet of general supply storage must be provided in a single room. If the patient capacity exceeds 25, an additional 200 square feet of storage must be provided for each multiple of 25 patients.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:20:10. Outside yard storage. The facility must provide storage space for yard equipment with an exterior building access or separate storage shed.
General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:20:11. Flooring. Flooring materials that are slip resistant must be installed at the building main entry, dishwashing, and bathing areas.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:20:12. Fire extinguishers. Fire extinguishers that are at least 2-A:10-B:C rated must be installed for general building coverage at a rate of one for each 3,000 square feet and one additional 2-A:10-B:C rated extinguisher also located at the kitchen, laundry, and furnace room.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:20:13. Insulation. All combustible building insulation exposed in attics, crawl spaces, and other areas, must be protected with a 1/2 inch gypsum board thermal barrier, unless the product is tested and conforming to the standards in the building code which allows the product to remain exposed without thermal protection. Documentation of the testing must be available at the facility for the insulation material installed.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:20:14. Handwashing fixtures. Hot and cold water must be supplied through a mixing faucet controlled by a "hands free" operator such as a blade handle, single lever operator, etc. Soap dispensers and hand dryers or single use towel dispensers and waste receptacles must be provided convenient to each handwashing fixture.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:20:15. Exhaust ventilation. Electrically powered continuous exhaust ventilation must be provided for soiled areas, wet areas, and toilet rooms at ten air changes each hour and must be provided for storage rooms at two air changes each hour.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:20:16. Waste disposal. Garbage must be handled in a safe sanitary manner with outside storage only in covered containers and disposed of twice a week from April to September, inclusive, and weekly during other times of the year. Sewage must be disposed in a public system
or disposal must be approved by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources according to SDCL chapter 34A-2.

**Source:** 28 SDR 83, effective December 16, 2001.
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

### 44:04:20:17. Ventilation

The facility must have general ventilation of two air changes each hour. The outside air supply must be tempered to eliminate cold air from being introduced into occupied space. The supply air unit must be equipped with one inch furnace filter media installed in the ductwork ahead of the unit. The filter media must be changed at least every three months.

**Source:** 28 SDR 83, effective December 16, 2001.
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

### 44:04:20:18. Heating and cooling

The facility heating system must be capable of maintaining a minimum temperature of 75 degrees Fahrenheit at winter design conditions. The building cooling system must be capable of maintaining room temperatures in occupied spaces at 75 degrees Fahrenheit or less. Portable space heaters may not be used in the facility. Electric blankets may not be used in the facility.

**Source:** 28 SDR 83, effective December 16, 2001.
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

### 44:04:20:19. Hot water systems

The facility must install a recirculating system to provide hot water to all fixtures. Equipment must be installed to provide hot water at a temperature of 110 to 125 degrees Fahrenheit to all handwashing and bathing fixtures, 130 to 160 degrees to laundry, and 140 to 180 degrees to the dishwasher or, if provided, the three compartment sink in the dietary area.

**Source:** 28 SDR 83, effective December 16, 2001.
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

### 44:04:20:20. Potable water

All plumbing used for distribution of potable water must be maintained to minimize dead-end runs of piping. Before placing a potable water system into use and after repairs or modifications, the system must be disinfected by:

1. Flushing the water system until clear water appears at each outlet;

2. Piping must be filled with a chlorine-water solution of fifty parts per million of free chlorine and held in the piping for twenty-four hours or a chlorine-water solution of two hundred parts per million of free chlorine may be used to fill the piping and held in the piping system for at least three hours; and

3. Following the required holding time, the piping system must be flushed to remove the chlorine solution.
**44:04:20:21. Lighting.** All building spaces, parking lots, and exit discharge routes must be illuminated for general safety. Specific required lighting levels must be provided for the following spaces:

(1) Ten footcandles for general illumination;

(2) Thirty footcandles for dining rooms, bathing areas, food preparation areas, laundry, staff work area, and areas where persons are involved in reading or other close work tasks;

(3) Fifty footcandles must be provided on the work surface of the medication set up and distribution area; and

(4) Portable halogen lamps may not be used due to extremely high surface temperatures.

**Source:** 28 SDR 83, effective December 16, 2001.
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**44:04:20:22. Electrical convenience outlets.** Electrical extension cords may not be used as a substitute for properly installed electrical receptacles. Power strips in business office areas and for entertainment centers may be used.

**Source:** 28 SDR 83, effective December 16, 2001.
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**44:04:20:23. Infection control.** The facility must develop policies to address cleaning of environmental surfaces, standard precautions, employee illness, and patient transfer to another health care facility.

Chemicals used to sanitize, disinfect, or sterilize must be labeled to show registration with the United States Environmental Protection Agency as being safe and effective for use in accordance with the procedures used by the facility.

**Source:** 28 SDR 83, effective December 16, 2001.
**General Authority:** SDCL 34-12-13.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 34-12-13.

**44:04:20:24. Cleaning procedures.** The facility must develop written procedures for cleaning all areas of the building. The building must be maintained clean. Equipment and supplies must be available for proper cleaning and disinfecting and must be stored safely to protect the building occupants. Dustless methods must be used for cleaning.
Written procedures must be developed for the cleaning and sanitizing of food service equipment, countertops in the food production area, and dining room tables in accordance with the registered product label.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:20:25. Insect and rodent control. The facility must take measures to effectively control the entry, presence, and breeding of vermin. All openings around pipe, conduit, and wiring or similar penetrations of the exterior wall must be caulked to prevent vermin entry. Any poisons used must be stored safely to avoid contamination of food and properly labeled and applied to protect the building occupants.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:20:26. Preventative maintenance. The facility must develop and implement a written system of scheduled maintenance for building equipment, mechanical, and electrical systems.

General Authority: SDCL 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.