Dining/Lounge Area

(A) Every building occupied as a nursing home on December 22, 1964 shall have not less than one room or suitable area which shall be used for no other purposes than dining and recreation by the residents. Such room or area shall be so located and of such size as to meet the needs of the residents and shall not be used for adult day care participants unless the home meets the square footage requirements of paragraph (B) of this rule.

(B) Every building erected or converted to use as a nursing home after December 22, 1964, and before the effective date of paragraph (C) of this rule, shall have a room or suitable area which shall be used for no other purposes than dining and recreation. The dining and recreation room or area shall have a minimum total area of:

1. Twenty-five square feet per resident for seventy-five per cent of the total number of residents; and
2. If the nursing home provides an adult day care program on the same site as the home and shares the dining and recreation room or area with the day care participants, twenty-five square feet per participant for seventy-five per cent of the total number of participants.

New Construction of Dining/Lounge Area

(C) Every building erected or converted to use as a nursing home after the two hundred and seventieth day subsequent to the effective date of this rule shall have a room or suitable area which shall be used for dining purposes and a separate room or suitable area which shall be used for recreational purposes. Each room or area shall have a minimum total area of:

1. Twenty-five square feet per resident for the total number of residents; and
2. If the nursing home provides an adult day care program on the same site as the home and shares the dining or recreation room or area with the day care participants, twenty-five square feet per participant for the total number of participants. A nursing home may use the dining room or area for recreational purposes when the room or area is not being used for dining.

Summary: Date Specifics; Square Feet per Resident; Adult Day Care Program