16. For new construction, construction plans completed in accordance with the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 81-3401 to 81-3455. Construction plans and description must include the following:

a. Project name; description of the project with quantity and floor area information on bed, care, treatment, bathing, toileting, dining, and activity locations, building systems, and medical equipment; street address; and contact person;

b. Site plan, floor plans, elevations, wall and building sections, construction details, plumbing and electrical diagrams, and construction component schedules;

c. Complete list of names, titles, and telephone numbers of other authorities reviewing or inspecting the construction;

d. Upon Department request, any additional information that may be required for review, such as structural and mechanical calculations, electrical system calculations, and product and equipment information; and

e. Certification, if any, from a licensed architect or engineer that the construction plan and any revisions thereof meet the requirements of 175 NAC 12-007;

17. Planned occupancy date;

18. Copies of zoning approval from the relevant jurisdiction;

19. Occupancy certificates issued by the State Fire Marshal or delegated authority;

20. Required licensure fee specified in 175 NAC 12-004.10; and

21. If applicable, the disclosure information required by the Alzheimer’s Special Care Disclosure Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 71-516.01 to 71-516.04. The following information must be submitted:

a. The Alzheimer’s special care unit’s written statement of its overall philosophy and mission which reflects the needs of residents afflicted with Alzheimer’s disease, dementia, or a related disorder;

b. The process and criteria for placement in, transfer to, or discharge from the unit;

c. The process used for assessment and establishment of the plan of care and its implementation, including the method by which the plan of care evolves and is responsible to changes in condition;

d. Staff training and continuing education practices;

e. The physical environment and design features appropriate to support the functioning of cognitively impaired adult residents;

f. The frequency and types of resident activities;
g. The involvement of families and the availability of family support programs; and

h. The costs of care and any additional fees.

12-003.01C Department Responsibilities: The Department will:

1. Review the application for completeness;

2. Provide notification to the applicant of any information needed to complete the application;

3. Confirm, either by Department review or by accepting certification from an architect or engineer, that the schematic plans and, if new construction, the construction plans meet the standards of 175 NAC 12-007;

4. Upon receipt of the requested information, conduct an on-site inspection in accordance with 175 NAC 12-005; and

5. Issue or deny a license based on the results of the initial inspection.

4. Sufficient inside and outside space that accommodates the full range of program activities and services.

12-007.03 Construction Standards: The facility must be designed, constructed, and maintained in a manner that is safe, clean, and functional for the type of care and treatment to be provided. The standards are set forth below.

12-007.03A Codes and Guidelines

12-007.03A1 New construction must comply with the following codes and guidelines to provide a safe and accessible environment that is conducive to the care and treatment to be provided:


6. Accessibility: Nebraska Accessibility Requirements, State Fire Marshal Regulations, 156 NAC 1 to 12;

7. Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospitals and Health Care Facilities, Chapter 8, 2001 edition, published by the American Institute of Architects; and


12-007.03A2 The facility must comply with the following applicable codes and standards to provide a safe environment:
1. Fire Codes: Nebraska State Fire Code Regulations, State Fire Marshal, 153 NAC 1; and

2. The Food Code, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-2,244.01, as published by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, except for compliance and enforcement provisions.

12-007.03A3 Existing and new facilities must comply with the physical plant standards contained in 175 NAC 12-007. The facility must maintain all building materials and structural components so that total loads imposed do not stress materials and components more than one and one-half times the working stresses allowed in the building code for new buildings of similar structure, purpose, or location.