Nurses’ Station & Resident Call System

b. A staff calling system shall be installed at each patient/resident bed and in each patient/resident toilet, bath and shower room. The staff call in the toilet, bath or shower room shall be an emergency call. All calls shall register at the staff station and shall actuate a visible signal in the corridor at the patient’s/resident’s door. The activating mechanism within the patient’s/resident’s sleeping room shall be so located as to be readily accessible to the patient/resident at all times. (1-1-88)

l. A drinking fountain connected to cold running water and which is accessible to both wheelchair and nonwheelchair patients/residents shall be located in each nursing or staff unit. (1-1-88)

09. Storage Space. The facility shall provide general storage areas and medical storage areas as follows: (1-1-88)

a. General storage at the rate of ten (10) square feet per licensed bed shall be provided, in addition to suitable storage provided in the patient’s/resident’s sleeping room. (1-1-88)

b. The facility shall provide safe and adequate storage space for medical supplies and equipment and a space appropriate for the preparation of medications. (1-1-88)

Isolation Units (Temporary). Each health care facility shall have available a room with private toilet, lavatory and other accessory facilities for temporary isolation of a patient/resident with a communicable or infectious disease. (1-1-88)

Shower/Tub Room

New Construction: Nursing Unit

e. Service Areas. The following service areas shall be located in, or readily available to, each patient/resident care unit. The size and disposition of each service will depend upon the number and types of beds to be served. Although identifiable spaces are required to be provided for each of the indicated functions, consideration will be given to design solutions which would accommodate some functions without specific designation of areas or rooms. Details of such proposals shall be submitted for prior approval. Each service area may be arranged and located to serve more than one (1) patient/resident care unit, but at least (1) such service area shall be provided on each patient/resident floor and as follows: (1-1-88)

i. Staff station with space for charting and storage for administrative supplies. It shall also be convenient to handwashing facilities; (1-1-88)

ii. Lounge and toilet room(s) for staff (toilet room may be unisex); (1-1-88)

iii. Individual closets or compartments for the safekeeping of coats and personal effects of personnel. These shall be located convenient to the duty station of personnel or in a central location; (1-1-88)

iv. Clean workroom or clean holding room. If the room is used for work, it shall contain a counter and handwashing facilities. When the room is used only for storage as part of a system for distributing clean and sterile supplies, the work counter and handwashing facilities may be omitted; (1-1-88)
v. Soiled workroom or soiled holding room. The soiled workroom shall contain a clinical sink or equivalent flushing rim fixture sink for handwashing, work counter, waste receptacle, and soiled linen receptacle. When the room is used only for temporary holding of soiled materials, the work counter may be omitted; (1-1-88)

vi. Drug distribution station. Provision shall be made for secure, convenient and prompt twenty-four (24) hour availability of medicine to patients/residents. A secure medicine preparation area shall be available and under the nursing staff's visual control and contain a work counter, refrigerator, and locked storage for controlled drugs, and shall have a minimum area of fifty (50) square feet. A medicine dispensing unit may be located at the nurse's station, in the clean workroom, or in an alcove or other space convenient to staff for staff control; (1-1-88)

vii. Clean linen storage. A separate closet or a designated area within the clean workroom shall be provided. If a closed cart system is used, storage may be in an alcove; (1-1-88)

viii. Nourishment station. The station shall contain a sink equipped for handwashing, equipment for serving nourishment between scheduled meals, refrigerator, and storage cabinets. Ice for patients'/residents' service and treatment shall be provided only by icemaker-dispenser units; (1-1-88)

ix. Equipment storage room(s). Room(s) shall be available for storage of equipment such as I.V. stands, inhalators, air mattresses, and walkers; (1-1-88)

x. Parking for stretchers and wheelchairs. Parking for stretchers and wheelchairs shall be located out of the path of normal traffic; (1-1-88)

xi. Patient bathing facilities. A minimum of one (1) bathtub or shower shall be provided for each ten (10) beds not otherwise served by bathing facilities at patient rooms. Patients shall have access to at least one (1) bathtub in each nursing unit. Each tub or shower shall be in an individual room or enclosure which provides space for private use of the bathing fixture, for drying and dressing, and for a wheelchair and attendant. At least one (1) shower in each central bathing facility shall be a minimum of four (4) feet square without curbs and be designed for use by a wheelchair patient. (1-1-88)

f. Patient/Resident Toilet Facilities. Each patient/resident toilet room shall meet the following criteria: (1-1-88)

i. The minimum dimensions of a room containing only a water closet shall be three (3) feet by six (6) feet. Additional space shall be provided if a lavatory is located within the same room. Water closets shall be accessible for use by wheelchair patients/residents. (1-1-88)

ii. At least one (1) room on each floor shall be appropriate for toilet training. It shall be accessible from the corridor. A clearance of three (3) feet shall be provided at the front and at each side of the water closet and the room shall contain a lavatory.

12. Central Stores. General storage room(s) shall have a total area of not less than ten (10) square feet per bed and shall generally be concentrated in one (1) area. (1-1-88)

Summary: Resident Call System; Drinking Fountain; Isolation Room; Storage; New Construction