Nurses’ Station & Resident Call System

A. Each floor of a multistory nursing home shall have a nurses’ station.

B. Each nurse’s station shall be provided with working space and accommodations for recording and charting purposes by nursing home staff with storage space for in–house resident records.

C. The nurses' station shall be equipped to audibly receive resident calls electronically through a call system from resident rooms and toilet and bathing facilities. There shall be a medicine preparation room or area.

A. Nursing homes providing locked units must develop admission criteria. There must be documentation in the resident's record to indicate the unit is the least restrictive environment possible, and placement in the unit is needed to facilitate meeting the resident’s needs.

B. Guidelines for admission shall be provided to the resident, his/her family, and his/her legal representative.

C. Locked units are designed and staffed to provide the care and services necessary for the resident’s needs to be met.

D. There must be sufficient staff to respond to emergency situations in the locked unit at all times.

E. The resident on the locked unit has the right to exercise those rights which have not been limited as a result of admission to the unit.

F. Care plans shall address the reasons for the resident being in the unit and how the facility is meeting the resident’s needs.

G. Admission to a locked unit must be in compliance with R.S. 40:1299.53 and 40:2010.8.

B. Therapeutic, diagnostic, and other resident care equipment shall be maintained and serviced in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations.

C. Wheelchairs shall be available for emergency use by residents who are not fully ambulatory.

D. Equipment for taking vital signs shall be maintained.

E. At least one oxygen tank or resource of oxygen shall be readily accessible for emergency use.

D. There shall be a clean utility room designed for proper storage of nursing equipment and supplies.

Shower/Tub Room
A. Each floor occupied by residents shall be provided with a toilet and lavatory, and either a bathtub or shower.

C. In nursing homes built prior to August 26, 1958, the following ratio shall be provided (whenever calculations include any fraction of a fixture, the next higher whole number of fixtures shall be installed).
   Lavatories 1:10 beds
   Toilets 1:10 beds
   Showers or tubs 1:15 beds

D. In nursing homes built after August 26, 1958, the following ratio shall be provided (whenever calculations include any fraction of a fixture, the next higher whole number of fixtures shall be installed).
   Lavatories
   One per bedroom or immediately adjacent thereto
   Toilets 1:8 beds
   Showers or tubs 1:10 beds

F. Tub and shower bath bottoms shall be of nonslip material. Grab bars shall be provided to prevent falling and to assist in getting in and out of the tub or shower.

H. Lights must be controlled by wall switches, which must be so placed that they cannot be reached from the bathtub, whirlpool, or shower.

New Construction: Nursing Unit

Summary: Minimum Requirements per Unit/Station; Resident Call System; Locked Unit; Equipment and Supplies; Utility Room; Shower/Tub Ratio; Non-slip Material; Fixtures; Grab Bars; Lights