Nurses' Station & Resident Call System

12-007.02 Care and Treatment Areas: The facility must provide a physical environment that facilitates and supports the safety and dignity of residents and accommodates the needs of the resident population.

12-007.02A Care and treatment areas must contain a control point, medication station, and clean storage/utility room. The facility must not share these areas among detached structures.

12-007.02A1 Control Point: The facility must provide an area(s) for charting and resident records, space for storage of emergency equipment and supplies, and call and alarm annunciation systems.

12-007.02A2 Medication Station: The facility must provide a medication station for storage and distribution of drugs and routine medications. Distribution may be done from a medicine preparation room or unit, from a self-contained medicine-dispensing unit, or by another system. If used, a medicine preparation room or unit must be under visual control of nursing staff and must contain a work counter, sink, refrigerator, and double-locked storage for controlled substances.

12-007.02A3 Clean Storage/Utility Room: The facility must have separate areas for soiled and clean materials. The area for soiled materials must contain a fixture for disposing waste and a handwashing sink.

12-007.02B Equipment and Supplies: The facility must have services and space to distribute, maintain, clean and sanitize durable medical instruments, equipment, and supplies required for the care and treatment performed in the facility.

12-007.02B1 Durable Medical Equipment: The facility must ensure that durable medical equipment is tested and calibrated in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

12-007.02B2 Equipment Storage: The facility must have space to store equipment, stretchers, wheelchairs, supplies, and linen out of the path of normal traffic.

12-007.02C Rehabilitative: If the facility provides rehabilitative services, the facility must have at least one treatment room or cubicle, an area for specialized treatment and care, handwashing sink(s), storage for equipment and supplies, a call system, and areas to allow for resident toileting, dressing, and consultation.

12-007.02D Psychiatric or Mental Health: If the facility provides a specialized area or unit designated for psychiatric or mental health services, the facility must provide space and equipment that allows for resident and staff safety. The area must provide at least separate quiet and noisy activity areas, dining areas, private and group areas for specialized treatment and care, handwashing sink(s), storage for equipment and supplies, and security systems. In rooms where care and treatment is provided to abusive or suicidal residents, the rooms must have:

1. Tamper-resistant air distribution devices, lighting fixtures, sprinkler heads, and safety devices;
12-007.03J Isolation Rooms: The number and type of isolation rooms in the facility must be based upon infection control risk assessment of the facility.

12-007.03J1 The facility must make provisions for isolating residents with infectious diseases.

12-007.03J2 In new construction, if the facility provides a designated isolation room, the isolation room must be equipped with handwashing and gown changing facilities at the entrance of the room.

12-007.03K Examination Rooms: If the facility has an examination room, it must have a minimum floor area of 80 square feet and a minimum of 3 feet clear dimension around 3 sides of the examination table or chair.

12-007.03L Treatment Rooms: If the facility has a treatment room for procedures performed under topical, local, or regional anesthesia without pre-operative sedation, the room must have a minimum floor area of 120 square feet and a minimum of 10 feet clear dimension.

12-007.03P Handwashing Sinks: The facility must provide a handwashing sink equipped with towel and soap dispenser in all examination, treatment, isolation, and toilet rooms.

12-007.04G Call Systems: The facility must have a call system that is operable from resident beds and resident-used toilet and bathing areas. The system must transmit a receivable (visual, audible, tactile, or other) signal to on-duty staff which readily notifies and directs the staff to the location where the call was activated.

12-007.04H Medical Gas System: The facility must safely provide medical gas and vacuum by means of portable equipment or building systems as required by residents receiving care and treatment.

12-007.04H1 The installation, testing, and certification of nonflammable medical gas, clinical vacuum, and air systems must comply with the requirements of 153 NAC 1, Nebraska State Fire Code Regulations.

**Shower/Tub Room**

12-007.03G Bathing Rooms: The facility must provide a bathing room consisting of a tub and/or shower adjacent to each bedroom, or a central bathing room on each sleeping floor. Tubs and showers, regardless of location, must be equipped with hand grips or other assistive devices as needed or desired by the resident.

12-007.03G1 In new construction where a central bathing room is provided, the room must open off the corridor and contain a toilet and sink or have an adjoining toilet room.

12-007.03G2 The facility must have one bathing fixture per 30 licensed beds.

12-007.03N1 All bedroom, toilet, and bathing room doors must provide privacy yet not create seclusion or prohibit staff access for routine or emergency care.

**New Construction: Nursing Unit**

12-007.03N2 In new construction, all resident-used toilet and bathing rooms with less than 50 square feet of clear floor area must not have doors that swing solely inward.
In new construction, the call systems must have a dedicated device which allows activation by a resident from each exam and treatment room or cubicle, and toilet and bathing fixture.

**Summary:** Treatment Room; Medication Station; Call System; Equipment Storage; Medical Gasses; Tub/Shower Ratio; Hand Grips; Privacy; New Construction