Nurses' Station & Resident Call System

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713-1.3 Nursing units. Each nursing unit shall include the following service areas and shall meet the following minimum requirements:
(a) A nurses' station.
(b) A nurses' call system that can register a call from each resident's bedside, toilet and bathing facilities to the nurses' station. The call system shall also register a visual signal at each resident's doorway, the clean room, soiled workroom and nourishment station on the nursing unit.
(c) A minimum of one clean utility room and one soiled utility room on each resident floor.
(d) A storage and preparation area for drugs and biologicals.
(e) Storage area, adequate for resident needs and equipment. This space may be located in any accessible section of the facility.

Title: Section 713-1.4 - Isolation rooms

713-1.4 Isolation rooms.

A nursing home shall have at least one single bed isolation room that is ventilated to the outside and includes a private toilet and handwashing facilities, equipped with other than hand controls.

Title: Section 713-1.5 - Treatment, examination and personal care rooms

713-1.5 Treatment, examination and personal care rooms.

(a) A nursing home shall have at least one treatment or examining room that is accessible to all residents by means of a corridor or elevator, and equipped with a handwashing facility. A treatment room shall not be required in a facility where all resident rooms are in single rooms.

(b) A nursing home shall have a minimum of one personal care room.

Title: Section 713-1.11 - Requirements for long term ventilator programs

713-1.11 Requirements for long term ventilator programs.

(a) Each bedroom occupied by a resident receiving ventilator care shall comply with applicable criteria set forth in section 713-1.3 of this Subpart and shall include the following:
(1) adequate space for a bedside mechanical ventilator for each bed;

(2) adequate space for wheelchair access to all functional areas of the room as well as for its storage and parking when not in use;
(3) adequate space for oxygen administration and suction equipment for each resident;
(4) a wheelchair accessible toilet room with adequate space for staff to assist residents; and,
(5) at least one duplex outlet per bed that is connected to the emergency electrical service.
(b) One isolation room shall be provided on each nursing unit where ventilator dependent residents are housed.

(c) Facilities with long term ventilator programs shall provide:
   (1) a conference room for in-service education and training of respiratory care staff;
   (2) an easily accessible treatment room equipped with facilities for the administration of oxygen and suction;
   (3) adequate office space for staff serving ventilator dependent residents;
   (4) adequate storage and maintenance space to ensure routine servicing of ventilators and related equipment;
   (5) dining space that is wheelchair accessible; and,
   (6) adequate therapy space for respiratory rehabilitation.

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(4) A nurses' calling system shall be provided.

(c) The following service areas shall be located in or be readily available to each nursing unit:

(1) A nurses' station with space for nurses' charting, doctors' charting, and storage for administrative supplies.

(4) Nursing homes that do not have exclusively single bedrooms shall have a medical treatment and examination room for residents. This room shall have a minimum floor area of one hundred twenty square feet excluding space for vestibule, toilet, closets, and work counters, whether fixed or movable. The minimum room dimension shall be ten feet. The room shall contain a lavatory or sink equipped for handwashing; a work counter; storage facilities; and a desk, counter or shelf space for writing

(5) A clean workroom with a work counter, handwashing, and storage facilities or a clean holding room that is part of a system for storage and distribution of clean and sterile supply materials. The clean holding room shall be similar to the clean workroom except that the work counter and handwashing facilities may be omitted.

(6) A soiled workroom that contains a clinical sink or equivalent flushing rim fixture, a sink equipped for handwashing, work counter, waste receptacle, and linen receptacle, or a soiled holding room that is part of an approved system for collection and disposal of soiled materials. The soiled holding room and shall be similar to the soiled workroom except that the clinical sink and work counter may be omitted.

(7) A medication preparation room, or self contained medication dispensing unit or a department approved medication dispensing system for the convenient and prompt twenty four hour distribution of medication to residents. If used, a medicine preparation room or unit shall be under the nursing staff’s visual control and contain a work counter, refrigerator, and locked storage for biologics and drugs. A medication dispensing unit may be located at the nurses’ station, in the clean workroom, or in an alcove or other space under direct control of the nursing or pharmacy staff.

(8) A separate closet, designated area within the clean workroom or closed cart system for storage of clean linen. If a closed cart system is used, storage may be in an alcove.
(9) A nourishment station that contains a sink equipped for handwashing, equipment for serving nourishment between scheduled meals, a refrigerator and storage cabinets. Ice for residents' service and treatment shall be provided only by ice-maker dispenser units.

(10) A storage room for equipment such as intravenous stands, inhalators, air mattresses, and walkers.

(11) An area out of the path of normal traffic for parking for stretchers and wheelchairs.

(13) Facilities for the sterilization of equipment and supplies.

Title: Section 713-2.7 - Physical therapy facilities

713-2.7 Physical therapy facilities.

Physical therapy facilities shall include the following:

(a) Treatment areas with space and equipment for thermotherapy, diathermy, ultrasound and hydrotherapy. Provision shall be made for cubicle curtains around each individual treatment area, handwashing facility(ies) (one lavatory or sink may serve more than one cubicle), and facilities for the collection of soiled linen and other material.

(b) An exercise area.

(c) Storage for clean linen, supplies, and equipment.

(d) Residents’ dressing areas, showers, lockers, and toilet rooms, as may be required by the functional program approved by the department.

(e) A service sink.

(f) Wheelchair and stretcher storage.

(g) Office space.

(h) The requirements of subdivisions (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) of this section may be planned and arranged for shared use by residents receiving occupational therapy and staff if the approved functional program reflects this sharing concept.

Title: Section 713-2.8 - Occupational therapy facilities

713-2.8 Occupational therapy facilities.

Occupational therapy facilities shall include the following:

(a) An activities area with a sink or lavatory and facilities for collection of waste products prior to disposal.

(b) Storage for supplies and equipment.

(c) Residents’ toilet rooms, which may be shared with residents receiving physical therapy and staff, if the approved narrative program reflects this sharing concept.

Title: Section 713-2.9 - Personal care rooms

713-2.9 Personal care rooms.

A separate room shall be provided for hair care and grooming needs of residents.

(g) Nurses’ calling systems shall comply with the following:
(1) A call button shall be provided at each resident bedside, which calls to the nurse's station. Two call buttons serving adjacent beds may be served by one calling station. Calls shall register with the floor staff and shall activate a visible signal in the corridor at the resident's door, in the clean workroom, in the soiled workroom, and in the nourishment station of the nursing unit. In multi-corridor nursing units, additional visible signals shall be installed at corridor intersections. In rooms containing two or more calling stations, indicating lights shall be provided at each station. Nurses' calling systems that provide two-way voice communication shall be equipped with an indicating light at each calling station with lights, and remain lighted as long as the voice circuit is operating.

(2) A nurses' call emergency button shall be provided for residents' use at each resident's toilet, bath and shower room.

Title: Section 713-2.23 - Physical environment standards for long-term ventilator programs

(a) Each bedroom occupied by a resident receiving long term ventilator care shall comply applicable criteria in section 713-2.3 of this Subpart and shall provide the following:
(1) adequate space for a bedside mechanical ventilator for each bed;
(2) adequate space for wheelchair access to all functional areas of the room as well as for its storage and parking when not in use;
(3) adequate space for oxygen administration and suction equipment for each resident;
(4) a wheelchair accessible toilet room with adequate space for staff to assist residents; and,
(5) at least one duplex outlet connected to the emergency electrical service per bed.

(b) At least one isolation room shall be provided on each nursing unit where ventilator dependent residents are housed.

(c) Facilities with long term ventilator programs shall provide the following service areas:
(1) a conference room for in-service education and training of respiratory care staff;
(2) a treatment room equipped with facilities for the administration of oxygen and suction;
(3) adequate office space for staff serving ventilator dependent residents;
(4) adequate storage and maintenance space to ensure routine servicing of ventilators and related equipment;
(5) dining space that is wheelchair accessible; and
(6) adequate therapy space for respiratory rehabilitation.

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Title: Section 713-3.4 - Nursing units

713-3.4 Nursing units.

(a) The layout and location of each nursing unit shall comply with the following:
(1) Nursing units shall be arranged to avoid travel through adjacent nursing units to gain access to resident service areas.
(2) The number of residents in a nursing unit arranged in a linear layout shall not exceed forty. However, the department will consider exceptions to this requirement to enhance the quality of life for residents when a higher number of residents clearly achieves a savings in operational costs, improves resident services and is based upon sub-groups of residents (sub-units).
(3) The maximum travel distance from a resident room door to a staff work area shall not exceed
one hundred fifty feet. When sub-units are used, each sub-unit shall be arranged so as to provide access to a bathing room and a soiled workroom or soiled holding room located within, or readily accessible to, the sub-unit.

(5) The need for and the number of required airborne infection isolation room(s) in a nursing facility shall be determined by an infection control risk assessment.

(4) A nurses' calling system shall be provided.

(c) The service areas described in this subdivision shall be located in or be readily accessible to each nursing unit: The size and location of each service area will depend upon the number and types of residents served and the efficiency of the facility's staffing patterns. Although identifiable spaces are required to be provided for each of the indicated service areas, consideration will be given to design solutions, which would accommodate some services without a specific designation of areas or rooms. Decentralized service areas within nursing units will be encouraged. The following service areas shall be provided:

(4) Room(s) to serve the function of clinical staff office or consultation room for up to four people.

(5) A clean workroom with a work counter sized to store clean and sterile supplies as required by the functional program, or a clean holding facility that is part of an approved system for storage and distribution of clean and sterile supply materials. The location(s) of the clean workroom and the clean holding facility shall be based on the functional program and physical layout of the nursing unit.

(6) A soiled workroom that contains a clinical sink or equivalent, flushing rim fixture with a rinsing hose or a bed pan sanitizer, handwashing facilities, work counter, and an area for soiled linen holding and waste receptacle(s) in a number and type as required by the functional program. The location of the soiled workroom shall be based on the functional program and the physical layout of the nursing unit. A soiled holding facility, if not provided within the workroom, shall be part of an approved system for collection and disposal of soiled materials.

(7) A closet, designated area within the clean workroom or a closed cart system for clean linen storage. If a closed cart system is used, storage may be in an alcove.

(8) A medication preparation room, self-contained medication dispensing unit, or an equivalent system for convenient and prompt distribution of medications to residents twenty-four hours a day. If used, a medication preparation room or a medication distribution unit shall be under the nursing staff's visual control and contain a work counter, refrigerator, and locked storage for biological and controlled substances.

(9) A nourishment station that contains a sink equipped for handwashing, equipment for serving nourishment between scheduled meals, a refrigerator, and storage cabinets. Ice for residents shall be provided by self-dispensing ice making unit.

(10) Storage for equipment in current use shall be provided.

(11) Sufficient space for the parking and holding of stretchers and wheelchairs shall be located out of the path of normal traffic.
A minimum of one telephone per nursing unit shall be provided for residents' use. The telephone shall be wheelchair accessible and located to assure privacy of conversation.

**Title:** Section 713-3.5 - Physical environment standards for long-term care programs for ventilator dependent residents

713-3.5 Physical environment standards for long-term care programs for ventilator dependent residents.

(a) Each bedroom occupied by a resident receiving long term ventilator care shall comply with applicable criteria in section 713-3.4 (b) of this Subpart and shall provide adequate space for a mechanical ventilator and for equipment to be used in the administration of oxygen and suction to each resident. The facility shall have a sufficient number of single rooms to accommodate one-fifth of the facility's total capacity of ventilator dependent residents. If the facility has less than five beds, there must be at least one single room for the treatment of ventilator dependency. At least one single-bedded ventilator care room shall be designed and equipped for use as an infection control room with an additional lavatory conveniently located for staff handwashing, but not within the resident toilet room (a bathing facility may be omitted).

(b) The following service areas shall be readily available:
   (1) a conference room for in-service education and training of respiratory care staff;
   (2) a treatment room equipped with facilities for the administration of oxygen and suction;
   (3) adequate office space for staff serving ventilator dependent residents;
   (4) adequate storage and maintenance space to ensure routine servicing of ventilators and related equipment;
   (5) dining space that is wheelchair accessible; and
   (6) adequate therapy space for respiratory rehabilitation.

(d) At least one resident bathing facility shall be equipped with a mechanical lift and space for equipment and staff assistance.

**Title:** Section 713-3.7 - Units for residents requiring behavioral interventions

713-3.7 Units for residents requiring behavioral interventions.

(a) When provided, behavioral intervention units shall comply with the requirements of a nursing unit in accordance with section 713-3.4 of this Subpart, with the following variations and additional requirements:
   (1) The unit shall be planned as a secure unit that is separate from other units.
   (2) The unit shall be designed for a minimum of fifteen residents and a maximum of twenty residents.
   (3) All resident bedrooms shall be single occupancy.
   (4) Doors to resident bedrooms shall open outward.
   (5) A private toilet room shall be provided for each resident bedroom.
   (6) An exercise room shall be located on the unit and provide a minimum of twenty-five square feet per resident. Additional space shall be provided for storage. Adjacent dedicated resident toilet and showers shall be provided.
   (7) An activity room shall be located on the unit and provide a minimum of thirty-eight square feet per resident. Additional space shall be provided for equipment storage. Adjacent resident toilet and
bathing facilities shall be provided.
(8) A room shall be provided for quieting down periods for over active and acting out residents. The room shall provide a minimum of one hundred twenty five square feet of clear space, and shall be designed and furnished to protect the resident from self-injury. The door to the room shall be provided with a one-way panel with a view of the entire room.
(9) Conference/counseling rooms sufficient for private family meetings with facility personnel and for meetings of facility staff shall be provided on the nursing unit. At least one such room shall accommodate up to eight persons.
(10) Adequate on-unit offices shall be provided for staff use.
(11) Resident bathing facilities shall be provided at a ratio of one fixture per seven residents.
(12) In addition to the requirements set forth in section 713-3.21 of this Subpart, details and finishes shall be designed to provide a high degree of safety and security for both residents and staff and shall comply with the following:
(i) Doors to all resident rooms shall be located so as to negate a possible resident hiding space behind the door.
(ii) Doors, which separate the unit from adjacent functional areas of the facility, shall be secure.
(iii) The walls of resident use rooms shall be constructed so as to resist damage.
(iv) The ceilings of resident use rooms shall be constructed to resist damage. The ceiling surface shall be monolithic from wall to wall.
(v) Light switches and electric convenience outlets shall be tamper proof.
(vi) Major room furnishings such as desks, dressers, night tables, and shelving shall be designed and/or installed to minimize the danger of injury to residents and staff.
(vii) Shower heads in resident bathing rooms shall be of a recessed type.
(viii) Operable windows shall be provided with devices that prevent the possibility of accidental falls. The operable sash opening shall be limited to six inches, however, alternate window opening protection may be acceptable, i.e., security screens. Window bars are not permitted.
(ix) An emergency call system for staff use shall be provided in all resident use spaces to permit staff communications in an emergency.
(x) Outside activity areas shall be provided. Resident access to the areas shall be directly from the unit.

Title: Section 713-3.8 - Dementia programs

713-3.8 Dementia programs.

The department will review on a case-by-case basis the architectural designs and interior finishes which are required to implement special programs for residents with dementia. Any special space requirements or interior features of approved programs will be considered additions to the minimum requirements of this Subpart.

Title: Section 713-3.10 - Physical therapy facilities

713-3.10 Physical therapy facilities.

Physical therapy facilities shall include and comply with the following:
(a) Treatment areas shall have space and equipment commensurate with all approved programs including, but not limited to, thermotherapy, diathermy, ultrasound, and hydrotherapy. Provision shall be made for cubicle curtains around each individual treatment area, handwashing facility(ies)
(one lavatory or sink may serve more than one cubicle), and facilities for the collection of soiled linen and other material.
(b) An exercise area.
(c) Storage for clean linen, supplies, and equipment.
(d) Residents' dressing areas, showers, lockers, and toilet rooms, as may be required by the approved program.
(e) A service sink.
(f) Wheelchair and stretcher storage.
(g) Office space.
(h) The requirements of subdivisions (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) of this section may be planned and arranged for shared use by occupational therapy residents and staff if the approved program reflects this sharing concept.
(i) If there is an approved adult day health care program, additional space and equipment may be included.

**Title:** Section 713-3.11 - Occupational therapy facilities

713-3.11 Occupational therapy facilities.

Occupational therapy facilities shall include and comply with the following:
(a) An activities area with space and equipment commensurate with department approved programs. Provision shall be made for sink or lavatory, and facilities for collection of waste products prior to disposal.
(b) Storage for supplies and equipment.
(c) Residents' toilet rooms that may be shared with residents receiving physical therapy residents if the approved narrative program reflects this sharing concept.
(d) If there is an approved adult day health care program, operating on premises, the department may require that additional space and equipment be provided.

**Title:** Section 713-3.16 - Central stores

713-3.16 Central stores.

General storage rooms shall have a total area of not less than twelve square feet per resident and not less than ninety cubic feet in volume per resident. Storage of not-in-use institutional furniture, equipment, and supplies shall generally be concentrated in one centralized area. Storage of out-of-season clothing and residents’ belongings not currently in use may be decentralized in close proximity to nursing units.

**Shower/Tub Room**

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(i) Each resident bedroom shall be equipped with or shall be conveniently located near adequate toilet and bathing facilities. Centralized toilets and bathing facilities, if provided, shall be on the same floor as the resident bedrooms served. At least one centralized toilet shall be provided for every eight resident beds in rooms without adjacent toilet facilities to serve the occupants of the room.
(b) Resident toilets and bathing facilities shall be equipped with grab bars, firmly secured to the walls and/or fixtures, for the convenient use of the residents.

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(12) At least one bathtub or shower for every twelve beds in rooms that are not otherwise served by bathing facilities. At least one bathtub shall be provided in each nursing unit. Each tub or shower shall be in a room or enclosure with space for the private use of the bathing fixture, for drying and dressing, and for a wheelchair and an attendant. Showers in central bathing facilities shall be at least four feet square, without curbs and designed to permit use by a wheelchair bound resident. (3) All rooms containing bathtubs, sitz baths, showers and water closets that are used or subject to occupancy by residents shall be equipped with doors and hardware that permit access from the outside in any emergency. When such rooms have only one opening or are small, the doors shall be capable of opening outwards or be otherwise designed to be opened without need to push against a resident who may have collapsed within the room.

(15) Grab bars shall be provided at all residents' toilets, showers, tubs and sitz baths. The bars shall have one and one-half inch clearance to walls and shall have sufficient strength and anchorage to sustain a concentrated load of two hundred fifty pounds.

(16) Recessed soap dishes shall be provided in showers and bathrooms.

(19) Location and arrangement of handwashing facilities shall permit their proper use and operation. Particular care should be given to the clearances required for blade-type operating handles. Lavatories intended for use by residents shall be installed to permit use by residents in wheelchairs.

(20) Mirrors shall be arranged for convenient use by residents in wheelchairs as well as by residents in a standing position.

(21) Paper towel dispensers and waste receptacles shall be provided at all handwashing fixtures.

(iv) Shower bases and tubs shall provide non-slip surfaces for standing residents.

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(12) Bathing rooms for scheduled bathing shall be provided on each nursing unit at a ratio of one bathing fixture for each fifteen residents or fraction thereof, who are not otherwise served by bathing facilities within residents’ room and shall be located away from public areas of the nursing unit. Each tub or shower shall be in a room or enclosure with space provided for the private use of the bathing fixture, for drying and dressing, and for a wheelchair and an attendant. The dressing area and the showers, without curbs, shall be designed to permit use by a wheelchair resident with staff assistance.

(ii) A toilet room shall be accessible to each central bathing area without going through the general corridor.

(d) At least one resident bathing facility shall be equipped with a mechanical lift and space for equipment and staff assistance.
(9) Grab bars shall be provided for all residents' showers, tubs and sitz baths. All grab bars shall have sufficient strength and anchorage to sustain a concentrated load of two hundred fifty pounds.

(10) Recessed soap dishes shall be provided in showers and bathrooms.

(13) The location and arrangement of handwashing facilities shall permit their proper use and operation. Particular care shall be given to the clearances required for blade-type operating handles. Lavatories intended for use by residents shall be installed to permit use by residents in wheelchairs.

(14) Mirrors shall be arranged for convenient use by residents in wheelchairs as well as by residents in a standing position.

(15) Paper towel dispensers and waste receptacles shall be provided at all handwashing fixtures.

**New Construction: Nursing Unit**

**Title:** Section 713-4.5 - Physical environment standards for long-term care programs for ventilator dependent residents

713-4.5 Physical environment standards for long-term care programs for ventilator dependent residents.

(a) Each resident room for ventilator care shall provide adequate space for a mechanical ventilator and for equipment to be used in the administration of oxygen and suction, which must be available from a central location and piped to each bed, to each resident. A facility shall have a sufficient number of single rooms to accommodate one-fifth of the facility's total capacity of ventilator dependent residents. If the facility has less than five beds certified for ventilator care, there must be at least one single room for the treatment of ventilator dependency. At least one single-bedded ventilator care room shall be designed and equipped for use as an infection control room with an additional lavatory conveniently located for staff handwashing, but not within the resident toilet room (a bathing facility may be omitted). If the facilities risk assessment indicates the facility is at high or intermediate risk for airborne infections, the infection control room shall be in compliance with the requirements for airborne infection isolation room(s) in Section 2.1-2.4.2, "Airborne Infection Isolation (AI) Room", of Part 2, "Hospitals", of Guidelines for Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities, 2010 edition, as described in more detail in section 711.2(b)(7) of this Title.

(b) The following service areas shall be readily available:
(1) adequate office space for staff serving ventilator dependent residents;
(2) staff unit workstation shall be of sufficient size to accommodate multiple disciplines;
(3) adequate storage and maintenance space to ensure routine servicing as required by program for ventilators and related equipment; this room shall contain provisions for hand washing;
(4) dining space that is accessible; and
(5) adequate therapy space for rehabilitation.

(c) At least one resident bathing facility shall be equipped to accommodate a stretchertype bathing apparatus, and space for equipment and staff assistance. The entrance shall have a clear opening of at least forty-five inches (45") to accommodate residents utilizing multiple equipment, such as ventilators and infusion pumps.
Title: Section 713-4.7 - Units for residents requiring neurobehavioral interventions

713-4.7 Units for residents requiring neurobehavioral interventions.

(a) These dedicated and discrete units shall be either Neurobehavioral Units, or Neurobehavioral Step-down Units. When provided, these separate units shall comply with Section 4.2-2.2, "Resident Unit", of Part 4, "Residential Health Care Facilities", of the Guidelines for Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities, 2010 edition, as described in more detail in section 711.2(b)(7) of this Title, and with the following variations and additional requirements:

(1) Each Neurobehavioral Unit shall be designed for a minimum of fifteen residents and a maximum of twenty residents and shall be planned as a secure unit. All resident bedrooms in Neurobehavioral Units shall be single occupancy.

(2) Each Neurobehavioral Step-down Unit shall be limited to a maximum of twenty certified beds, and shall not be a secure unit. This unit shall be monitored for elopement however, with a delayed egress system on all unit doors. Neurobehavioral Step-down Units shall provide single occupancy resident rooms for at least ten percent of the unit capacity. For the balance of the unit, the maximum number of beds in a resident room shall be two.

(3) Doors to resident bedrooms shall open outward.

(4) A private toilet room shall be provided for each resident bedroom.

(5) An exercise room shall be located on the unit and provide a minimum of twenty-five net square feet per resident. Additional space shall be provided for storage. Adjacent dedicated resident toilet and showers shall be provided.

(6) An activity room shall be located on the unit and provide a minimum of thirty-eight net square feet per resident. Additional space shall be provided for equipment storage. Adjacent resident toilet and bathing facilities shall be provided.

(7) Each Neurobehavioral Step-down Unit shall be provided at least one separate enclosed room providing a distraction-free treatment environment with visual and auditory separation from adjacent spaces and functions. This space shall accommodate a maximum of eight persons, for activities for functional living skills or cognitive skill development.

(8) Conference/counseling rooms sufficient for private family meetings with facility personnel and for meetings of facility staff shall be provided on the nursing unit. At least one room shall accommodate up to eight persons.

(9) Adequate on-unit offices shall be provided for staff use.

(10) Resident bathing facilities shall be provided at a ratio of one fixture per seven residents.

(11) Details and finishes shall be designed to provide a high degree of safety and security for both residents and staff.

(i) Doors to all resident rooms shall be located so as to negate a possible resident hiding space behind the door.

(ii) Doors, which separate the Neurobehavioral Units from adjacent functional areas of the facility shall be secure. Delayed egress doors shall be sufficient for Neurobehavioral Step-down Units.

(iii) The walls of resident use rooms shall be constructed so as to resist damage.

(iv) The ceilings of resident use rooms shall be constructed to resist damage. The ceiling surface shall be monolithic from wall to wall.

(v) Light switches and electric convenience outlets shall be tamper proof.

(vi) Major room furnishings such as desks, dressers, night tables, and shelving shall be designed and/or installed to minimize the danger of injury to residents and staff.

(vii) Shower heads in resident bathing rooms shall be of a recessed type.
(viii) Operable windows shall be provided with devices, which will prevent the possibility of accidental falls. The operable sash opening shall be limited to six inches, however, alternate window opening protection may be acceptable, i.e., security screens. Window bars are not permitted.
(ix) An emergency call system for staff use shall be provided in all resident use spaces to permit staff communications in an emergency.
(x) Secure outside activity areas shall be provided. Resident access to the areas shall be directly from the unit.

**Title:** Section 713-4.9 - Support Services

713-4.9 Support Services.

(a) Construction, equipment and installation of dietary facilities shall comply with the standards in Part 14 of this Title.
(b) General storage rooms shall have a total area of not less than twelve net square feet per resident and not less than ninety cubic feet in volume per resident. Storage of not-in-use institutional furniture, equipment and supplies shall generally be concentrated in one centralized area. Storage of out-of-season clothing and residents’ belongings not currently in use may be decentralized in close proximity to nursing units.
(c) In addition to employees’ facilities such as locker rooms, lounges, toilets or shower facilities called for in certain departments, a sufficient number of such facilities as are required to accommodate the needs of all personnel and volunteers shall be provided.

**Summary:** Call System; Treatment Room; Utility Room; Dementia Care; Physical Therapy; Tub/Shower Design; Grab Bars; New Construction (All Date-Specific)