Nurses' Station & Resident Call System

(3) Storage. Storage for office equipment, supplies and clinical records shall be provided.

(2) Isolation Room. Each facility shall have at least one resident room capable of being designated as an isolation room which is equipped with a private toilet and handwash sink (see Table 2).

Nurses' Station

Each floor with resident rooms shall have a nurses' station with space for charting and storage for administrative supplies:

(1) Handwash Sink. There shall be a handwash sink, exclusive of resident and soiled utility room handwash sinks, within 20 feet of the nurses' station.

(2) Exceptions. The handwash sink required in section (1) of this rule is not required in a facility which has been continuously licensed since January 1, 1992 unless otherwise provided by OAR 411-087-0010.

Therapy Services

The facility shall have a therapy services room(s) to support services such as physical, occupational and speech therapy, and special programs:

(1) Treatment Areas. The therapy services area shall include:
(a) A minimum floor area of 250 square feet, sufficient to meet therapy service needs as outlined in facility policies;
(b) Space and equipment for facility programs which may include thermotherapy, diathermy, ultrasonics, and hydrotherapy. A cubicle curtain shall be provided around each individual treatment area. Provisions shall include handwash sink (one sink may serve more than one cubicle);
(c) Space and equipment for exercise;
(d) Storage for clean and soiled linens, supplies and equipment (including wheelchairs and stretchers); and
(e) Deep sink, a minimum of 22 inches by 21 inches by ten inches deep. The deep sink may also serve as the handwash sink.

(2) Exceptions. Facilities which have been continuously licensed since January 1, 1992 shall be considered to be in compliance with section (1) of this rule unless otherwise provided by OAR 411-087-0010.

Pharmacy Services

Provision shall be made for the procurement, storage, dispensing, and accounting of drugs and other pharmacy products:
(1) Off-Site Provider Allowance. Pharmaceutical services may be by arrangement with a convenient off-site facility but must include provisions for 24-hour emergency service.
(2) Pharmacy/Drug Room. When provided, the pharmacy/drug room shall be well-lighted (see Table 4), properly ventilated (see Table 2) and include a medication refrigerator and a sink with hot and cold running water. The pharmacy/drug room may be combined with the clean utility room (see OAR 411-087-0320).
(3) Drug Distribution Stations. Provision shall be made for convenient 24-hour distribution of medicine to residents. This may be a medicine preparation room or unit, a self-contained medicine dispensing unit or by another approved system. If used, a medicine preparation room shall be under the nursing staff's visual control and contain a work counter, handwash sink, refrigerator, and locked storage for biologicals and drugs. A medicine dispensing unit may be located at or near the nurses’ station, in the clean utility room or in another space under direct control of the nursing staff.
(4) Exceptions. Facilities which have been continuously licensed since January 1, 1992 are not required to have a handwash sink within the drug distribution station unless otherwise provided by OAR 411-087-0010.

Storage Rooms

(1) General Storage. General storage room(s) shall have a total area of not less than five square feet per bed. This space shall include an equipment storage room on each floor (which has resident rooms) for equipment such as I.V. stands, inhalators, air mattresses, and walkers. Separate storage space shall be provided for storage of commodes (this may be in the soiled utility room). There shall also be space located out of the path of normal traffic on each floor for stretchers and wheelchairs.
(2) Linen, Food. There shall be separate areas for storage of clean linens and food.
(3) Maintenance Equipment and Supplies. Space shall be provided for storage of building and yard maintenance equipment and supplies which are kept at the facility.
(4) Exceptions. Facilities continuously licensed since January 1, 1992 shall be exempt from the square footage requirements in section (1) of this rule unless otherwise provided by OAR 411-087-0010.

(2) Nurse Call System:

(a) Resident Rooms. Each resident room shall be served by an electric nurse call system. Each resident shall have a nurse call button which may be easily located to allow the resident to summon nursing staff. Two call buttons serving adjacent beds may be served by one calling station;

(b) Bath, Toilet and Shower Rooms. Each bath, toilet and shower room must have an electric call system;

(c) Nurses' Station. The nurse call system shall register all calls at the nurses' station by both a visible and audible signal. The nurse call system shall also register a visible signal in the corridor adjacent to the door of the room from which the signal originated:
(A) The visible signal shall remain on until turned off at the location where the signal originated;
(B) In multi-corridor nursing units, additional visible signals shall be installed at corridor intersections.
(3) Fire/Smoke Alarm System. Fire and smoke detection/alarm systems shall comply with OAR 411-087-0020 ("Referenced Regulations").

(4) Exceptions:
(a) Pediatric Units. Rooms in pediatric units may have two-way voice communications in lieu of call buttons required under subsection (2) of this rule. Such systems shall be equipped with an indicating light at each calling station which lights and remains lighted as long as the voice circuit is operating;
(b) Locked Units. Rooms in locked units serving residents with Alzheimers or other dementias may have wall-mounted call buttons in lieu of call buttons on cords when necessary for resident safety;
(c) Audible Signal. Call systems in facilities continuously licensed since January 1, 1992 shall not be required to have an audible call feature at the nurses' station unless required to conform pursuant to OAR 411-087-0010.

Locked Units

(1) Dining, Activities, Living Space. Each locked unit shall have dining, activities and living space within the locked unit. The total area of such space shall be the same as if the locked unit was a separately licensed nursing facility.

(2) Nurses' Station. There shall be at least one nurses' station within each locked unit.

Day Care Services

(1) Facilities admitting day care residents shall have 40 square feet of dining, recreation, living and sleeping areas in addition to space required for other residents.
(2) Facilities admitting day care residents shall have either an unassigned bed or a folding cot in an area where rest and privacy can be provided for each resident.
(3) There shall be one toilet and one lavatory available for every 15 day care residents. Such facilities shall be in close proximity to the area used by day care residents.

Shower/Tub Room

Toilet, Handwashing, and Bathing Areas

(1) General Requirements:
(a) Temperature. Hot water at shower, bathing and handwash sink areas shall not exceed 120 degrees Fahrenheit (49 degrees Celsius) or be lower than 105 degrees Fahrenheit (41.5 degrees Celsius);
(b) Grab Bars. Grab bars shall be provided at all residents' toilets, showers, tubs and sitz baths. The bars shall have 1-1/2 inch (3.8 cm) clearance to walls and shall have sufficient strength and anchorage to sustain a concentrated load of 250 pounds (113.4 kilograms). Grab bars shall be returned to the wall or otherwise be constructed to prevent snagging clothes;
(c) Emergency Access. All rooms containing bathtubs, sitz baths, showers, and toilets shall be equipped with doors and hardware which will permit access from the outside in any emergency. When such rooms have only one opening or are smaller than 25 square feet, the doors shall be capable of opening outward or are smaller than 25 square feet, the doors shall be capable of opening outward or be otherwise designed to be opened without need to push against a resident who may have collapsed within the room;
(d) Accessibility. Toilets, handwash sinks, and baths shall be provided in accordance with the

(e) Nurse Call System. See OAR 411-087-0440.

(2) Toilet Facilities:

(4) Bathtubs and Showers:

(a) Number. Bathtubs or showers shall be provided at the rate of one for every 25 beds which are not otherwise served by bathing facilities within the residents' rooms;

(b) Whirlpool Tubs. In addition to the requirements listed in subsection (4)(a) of this rule, at least one therapeutic whirlpool tub designed for disabled assist shall be provided on each floor. The facility shall have at least one therapeutic whirlpool-type tub for every 60 beds;

(c) Privacy. Each tub or shower shall be in an individual room or enclosure which provides space for the private use of the bathing fixture, for drying and dressing, and for a wheelchair and an attendant;

(d) Shower Dimensions:
(A) Each facility shall have at least one shower that is a minimum of four feet square, without curbs, and designed to permit use by a wheelchair resident with an assisting attendant;
(B) Showers for ambulatory residents shall be not less than four feet by three feet.

(e) Non-Slip Surface. Shower bases and tubs shall provide non-slip surfaces;

(f) Toilet/Sink Access. A toilet and handwash sink shall be accessible to each bathtub/shower without going through the central corridor.

(5) Exceptions:
(a) Whirlpool Tubs. The number of whirlpool tubs in facilities which have been continuously licensed since January 1, 1992 without modification of number or type of bathtubs/showers shall be considered to be in compliance with subsection (4)(b) of this rule unless otherwise provided by OAR 411-087-0010. Facilities which lack the required number of therapeutic tubs shall have a hospital-type tub on each floor which does not have a therapeutic whirlpool tub. As of January 1, 2000, all facilities shall have at least one therapeutic whirlpool tub (waivers may be provided on a case-by-case basis);
(b) Showers. Facilities which have been continuously licensed since January 1, 1992 shall not be required to meet the dimensions or design criteria defined in subsection (4)(d) of this rule or requirements for dressing and drying areas adjacent showers and tubs; (c) Toilets. Facilities continuously licensed since January 1, 1992 shall be exempt from section (2) of this rule unless otherwise provided by OAR 411-087-0010;

(d) Handwash Sinks. In facilities with rooms continuously licensed since January 1, 1992, without meeting subsection (3)(a) of this rule, such rooms shall be exempt from this requirement unless otherwise provided by OAR 411-087-0010;
(e) Spouts, Faucet Handles. Facilities continuously licensed since January 1, 1992 without meeting paragraph (3)(a)(E) of this rule shall be exempt from such paragraph unless the spouts/faucets are replaced or otherwise provided by OAR 411-087-0010;

(f) Accessibility. Facilities continuously licensed since January 1, 1992 without meeting subsection (3)(a) of this rule shall be exempt from such subsection unless the spouts/faucets are replaced or otherwise provided by OAR 411-087-0010.

New Construction: Nursing Unit

Summary: Minimum Requirements per Unit/Station; Handwash Sink; Storage; Isolation Room; Therapy Area; Day Care Services; Grab Bars; Whirlpool Tubs; Shower Dimensions; Non-Slip Surfaces; Locked Units; Accessibility