Nurses' Station & Resident Call System

C. An Airborne Infection Isolation room that meets current ASHRAE standards shall be provided in the manner designated by guidelines established by the Department if the facility's tuberculosis risk assessment (See Sections 101.BBBB and 1802) identifies such a need.

E. Methods for assuring visual and auditory privacy between residents, staff, and visitors shall be provided, as necessary.

2804. Isolation Room (II)

At least one (1) single resident room shall be designated for an infection isolation room, as needed, and shall have:
1. An adjoining room with a toilet and a handwashing sink;
2. A handwashing sink located between the entry door and the nearest bed;
3. An uncarpeted floor.

2808. Medicine Preparation Room (II)

There shall be at, or near, each staff work area a separate space for the storage of supplies and a separate medicine preparation room having a cabinet with one (1) or more locked sections for medications, narcotics and poisons, cabinet space, work space, and handwashing sink. As an exception, in lieu of a medicine preparation room, a medicine work area equipped as described in Section 2808 shall be acceptable under the following conditions:
1. A unit dose system is used in which final medication preparation is not performed at or near the staff work area; and
2. A twenty-four-hour (24-hour) pharmacy is on the premises; and
3. Written procedures are in place that preclude medication preparation.

2809. Signal System (II)

A. A signal system listed and tested by a recognized testing laboratory for use in nursing homes shall be provided for each resident. The system shall consist of:
1. A signal device for each bed, toilet, shower, bathtub, treatment, and examination room used by residents that shall be easily accessible and reachable at all times by the resident;
2. A light over each resident room door visible from the corridor;
3. A control panel receiver at the staff work area showing room or bed number;
4. Indicators in utility rooms, treatment and examination rooms, medicine preparation rooms, nurse lounges, and nourishment stations.

B. Indicators and control panels shall employ an audible and visual signal.

2811. Utility Rooms (II)
A. At least one (1) soiled utility room per staff work area shall be provided that contains a clinical sink, work counter, and waste receptacle. As an exception, the clinical sink shall not be required if each resident toilet is equipped with bedpan cleaning lugs, spray hose and elevated vacuum breaker.

B. At least one (1) clean utility room per staff work area shall be provided that contains a work counter with handwashing sink and space for the storage and assembly of supplies for nursing procedures.

2820. Storage Areas

A. Storage buildings on the premises within thirty (30) feet of the facility shall meet the applicable sections of the adopted State, Federal, or local codes, ordinances, and regulations, whichever is most stringent. Storage in buildings other than on the facility premises shall be secure and accessible. An appropriate controlled environment shall be provided if necessary for storage of items requiring such an environment.

B. At least ten (10) square feet per licensed bed shall be provided for storage areas. Each area served by a staff work area shall contain separate spaces for the storage of clean linen, soiled linen, wheelchairs, and supplies and equipment. (II)

C. In storage areas provided with a sprinkler system, a minimum vertical distance of eighteen (18) inches shall be maintained between the top of stored items and the sprinkler heads. The tops of storage cabinets and shelves attached to or built into the perimeter walls may be closer than eighteen (18) inches below the sprinkler heads. In nonsprinklered storage areas, there shall be at least twenty-four (24) inches of storage clearance from the ceiling. (I)

D. In mechanical equipment rooms used for storage, the stored items shall be located away from mechanical equipment and shall not be stored in a manner that might create a fire or other hazard. (I)

E. Supplies and equipment shall not be stored directly on the floor. Supplies and equipment susceptible to water damage or contamination shall not be stored under sinks or other areas with a propensity for water leakage. (II)

F. Sufficient space shall be provided in each area served by a staff work area for stretcher and wheelchair parking. Such space shall be out of corridor traffic.

Shower/Tub Room

E. There shall be one (1) bathtub or shower for each twelve (12) licensed beds or fraction thereof. (II)

F. All bathtubs, toilets, and showers used by residents shall have approved grab bars securely fastened in a usable fashion on at least one (1) side of the bathtub, toilet, and shower and shall be mounted thirty-three to thirty-six (33-36) inches above the floor. (II)

G. Privacy shall be provided at toilets, urinals, bathtubs, and showers. (II)

N. Soap, bath towels, and washcloths shall be provided to each resident as needed. Bath linens assigned to specific residents may not be stored in centrally located restrooms. As an exception,
bath linens assigned to specific residents for immediate use may be stored in the restroom provided the restroom serves a single occupancy (one (1) resident) room, or is shared by occupants of adjoining rooms, for a maximum of six (6) residents. A method that distinguishes linen assignment and discourages common usage shall be implemented. (II)

2812. **Doors (II)**

C. All resident rooms, restrooms, and rooms where bathing takes place shall have nontransparent doors.

**New Construction: Nursing Unit**

**Summary:** Minimum Requirements per Unit/Station; Minimum Storage Space; Isolation; Storage; Signal System; Medicine Preparation Room; Utility Room; Tub/Shower Ratio; Privacy; Supplies; Nontransparent Doors