Agency Note: In existing structures, the Department will entertain requests for waivers on items which will not endanger the health and safety of persons using the facility; patients and visitors; and for those items, if corrected, which will result in an unreasonable hardship upon the facility, that is, cause substantial financial burden.

G. Waiver of Provisions. If a facility experiences practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships in complying with the provisions of this chapter, and can demonstrate that granting a waiver will not adversely affect the health and safety of its residents, the Secretary may waive any provision of this chapter. A waiver granted to a facility is effective for the period specified in the waiver. A waiver may be revoked at any time if a facility violates a condition of the waiver or if it appears to the Secretary that the health or safety of residents residing in the facility would be adversely affected by the continuation of the waiver.