Housekeeping/Laundry/Maintenance

7.6 Sanitation and Laundry

7.6.1 The facility shall provide for the safe storage of cleaning materials, pesticides and other potentially toxic materials.

7.6.2 Each facility shall have a janitor's closet containing a service sink.

7.6.3 For on-site laundry processing, the facility shall:

7.6.3.1 Provide a room under negative air pressure for receiving, sorting, and washing soiled linen.

7.6.3.1.1 If hot water is used for destroying micro-organisms, washers must be supplied with water heated to a minimum of 160º F.

7.6.3.1.2 If low temperature laundry cycles are used, a total available chlorine residual of 50-150 ppm must be present and monitored during the wash cycle.

7.6.3.2 Provide a room under positive air pressure for drying and folding clean linen, equipped with a hand washing sink.

7.6.4 For off-site laundry processing, the facility shall:

7.6.4.1 Contract with a commercial laundry.

7.6.4.2 Provide a soiled linen holding room (or a designated area in the soiled utility room) under negative air pressure for the storage of soiled linen.

7.6.4.3 Provide a clean linen storage area.

7.6.5 The facility shall have a soiled utility room under negative pressure for storage of infectious waste and for disposal of body fluids. The room shall have a work counter, hand washing sink, and clinical sink or other bed pan cleaning device.

Corridors, Floors, and Signage

7.4.1.1 Stairs shall have stair treads and handrails.

7.4.1.2 Hallways shall have handrails on both sides of corridors. An intermediate care facility serving only developmentally disabled residents shall be exempt from this regulation.

7.4.1.3 Non-skid flooring materials shall be used and maintained in good condition.

Lighting, Noise, Temperature (HVAC), and Odors
7.3.1.1 The facility water supply and sewage disposal system shall comply with Division of Public Health and Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control standards, respectively.

7.3.1.2 The water system shall supply hot and cold water under sufficient pressure to satisfy facility needs at peak demand.

7.3.1.3 Hot water accessible to residents shall not exceed 110° F.

7.3.2 Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning. The HVAC system for all areas used by residents shall be safe and easily controlled.

7.3.3 Facility lighting shall meet current standards of the Guidelines for Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities.

**Amenities**

7.4.4.3 Facilities for resident hair care and grooming shall be separate from resident rooms.

7.4.4.4 Equipment and materials for resident hair care and grooming shall comply with facility infection control policies and procedures.

**Outdoor Area**

**New Construction: Facility-Wide**