Housekeeping/Laundry/Maintenance

Corridors, Floors, and Signage

Lighting, Noise, Temperature (HVAC), and Odors

Amenities

Outdoor Area

New Construction: Facility-Wide

(a) Before the facility is used, the water supply system shall be approved by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

(b) Sewage shall be discharged into a municipal system or approved package system where available; otherwise, the sewage shall be treated and disposed of in a manner of operation approved by the Department of Environment and Conservation and shall comply with existing codes, ordinances and regulations which are enforced by cities, counties or other areas of local political jurisdiction.

(22) The following alarms are required and shall be monitored twenty-four (24) hours per day:

(a) Fire alarms;

(b) Generators; and

(c) Medical gas alarms.

(23) A negative air pressure shall be maintained in the soiled utility area, toilet room, janitor’s closet, dishwashing and other such soiled spaces, and a positive air pressure shall be maintained in all clean areas including, but not limited to, clean linen rooms and clean utility rooms.

(24) Each nursing home shall ensure that an emergency keyed lock box is installed next to each bank of functioning elevators located on the main level. Such lock boxes shall be permanently mounted seventy-two inches (72”) from the floor to the center of the box, be operable by a
universal key no matter where such box is located, and shall contain only fire service keys and drop keys to the appropriate elevators.