1.4 EXCEPTIONS TO RULES. The requirements of these regulations do not prohibit the use of alternate concepts, methods, procedures, techniques, equipment, or personnel qualifications or conducting pilot projects. A facility may request waivers or exceptions to these regulations pursuant to 6 CCR 1011-1, Chapter II, General Licensure Standards, Part 4, waiver of regulations for health care entities.

8.2 STAFFING. The facility shall employ social services staff qualified as provided in Subsections 8.2.1 and 8.2.2 and sufficient in number to meet the social and emotional needs of the residents.

8.2.4 Any facility located in a rural area as defined by subsection 7.6.1 may apply for a waiver under Part 4 of chapter II of the qualifications for a social services staff member under this section if it demonstrates that it has made a good faith effort to hire staff with the required qualifications, but that qualified social services staff are unavailable in the area.

19.8 PHYSICAL FACILITIES. In addition to the physical plant requirements of these regulations, the facility shall provide at least 10 square feet per resident (excluding hallways) of common areas within the secure unit.

19.8.3 In accordance with 6 CCR 1011-1, Chapter II, Part 4, a facility may seek a waiver from the standards required in Part 18 of this Chapter that may be detrimental to resident needs, safety, or health.