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LONG-TERM CARE ADDITIONAL STANDARDS

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44:04:15:01. Application of chapter. This chapter applies to all new facilities and to renovations, additions, and changes in space use in existing nursing facilities and assisted living centers.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995.
General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:15:02. Administration department. The administration department must include a business office, administrator’s office, lobby, public and staff toilet rooms, office for the director of nurses, social service office, dietary service office, and housekeeper’s office.

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General Authority: SDCL 34-1-17, 34-12-13.
Law Implemented: SDCL 34-12-13.

44:04:15:03. Medical records unit. The medical records unit must include active and closed record storage and a work area.

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44:04:15:04. Storage rooms. There must be at least 10 square feet (0.929 square meters) of central storage provided for each bed. General storage must be concentrated in one area in the facility, but up to 50 percent of the general storage space may be provided on the premises. Each resident must be provided with an individual closet with an area of at least 5 square feet (0.465 square meters) which is directly connected to the resident room.
44:04:15:05. Patient or resident dining and recreation area. The total areas set aside for patient or resident dining, recreation, and other central use areas must not be less than 40 square feet (3.71 square meters) for each bed and each day-care patient. The resident dining space must be at least 25 square feet (2.32 square meters) for each bed in the nursing facility and must be at least 20 square feet (1.86 square meters) in assisted living centers. Additional space must be provided for day-care patients or residents if they participate in a day-care program. Storage must be provided for recreational equipment and supplies.

44:04:15:06. Emergency electrical service. Automatic emergency lighting for exit ways, nurses' stations, and the boiler room and power for the fire alarm system must be provided in nursing facilities. Emergency electrical service must be provided from an automatic generator set and automatic transfer switches serving emergency panels in nursing facilities. Automatic battery power must be supplied to the required lighting and the fire alarm system in assisted living facilities.

44:04:15:07. Outside area. Each secure unit shall have for the residents access to an outdoor area that is enclosed by a fence. The fence must extend to a minimum of six feet above grade level and be designed to be safe for resident contact. Hard surface walking paths must be provided in the outside area. If the access to the outside area is through a required building exit, the area must be large enough to allow movement away from the building structure a distance of 50 feet and have a gate to exit the outside area and allow access for maintenance.

44:04:15:08. Secured unit locations. Any secured unit must be located at grade level and have direct access to an outside area.