

R9-10-914. Physical Plant Standards

An administrator shall ensure that:

1. A nursing care institution complies with:
 - a. The physical plant health and safety codes and standards incorporated by reference in A.A.C. R9-1-412 applicable at the time of licensure; and
 - b. The requirements for Existing Health Care Occupancies in National Fire Protection Association 101, Life Safety Code, incorporated by reference in A.A.C. R9-1-412;
2. Architectural plans and specifications for construction, a modification, or a change in resident beds or licensed capacity are submitted to the Department for approval according to the requirements in 9 A.A.C. 10, Article 1;
3. Construction, a modification, or a change in resident beds or licensed capacity complies with the requirements of this Article and the physical plant codes and standards incorporated by reference in A.A.C. R9-1-412 in effect at the time the construction, modification, or change in resident beds or licensed capacity and is approved by the Department;
4. A resident room has a window to the outside with window coverings for controlling light and visual privacy, and the location of the window permits a resident to see outside from a sitting position;
5. A nursing care institution has no more than two beds in a resident room unless:
 - a. The nursing care institution was operating before October 31, 1982, and
 - b. The resident room has not undergone a modification as defined in 9 A.A.C. 10, Article 1;
6. A resident room or a suite of rooms is accessible without passing through another resident's room;
7. A resident room or a suite of rooms does not open into any area where food is prepared, served, or stored;
8. A resident room that has more than one bed has a curtain or similar type of separation between the beds for privacy;
9. A resident room has a closet with clothing racks and shelves accessible to the resident;
10. A resident has a separate bed, a nurse call system and furniture to meet the resident's needs;
11. If the nursing care institution has a semipublic swimming pool on the premises for the use of residents:

- a. The pool is enclosed by at least a five-foot-high wall, fence, or other barrier as measured on the exterior side of the wall, fence, or barrier;
- b. An opening in the wall, fence, or barrier does not exceed four inches in diameter;
- c. A wire mesh or chain link fence has a maximum mesh size of 1 3/4 inches as measured horizontally;
- d. The self-closing, self-latching gates are locked when the pool is not in use;
- e. The pool has safety rules conspicuously posted;
- f. A resident is supervised at all times when using the pool; and
- g. The pool conforms to state and local laws and rules for design, construction, and operation of semipublic swimming pools.

Historical Note

Adopted effective October 20, 1982 (Supp. 82-5). Section repealed, new Section adopted effective February 17, 1995 (Supp. 95-1). Section repealed; new Section made by final rulemaking at 9 A.A.R. 338, effective March 16, 2003 (Supp. 03-1).