

## **R9-10-915. Environmental and Equipment Standards**

An administrator shall ensure that:

1. A nursing care institution's premises and equipment are:
  - a. Cleaned according to policies and procedures or manufacturer's instructions to prevent, minimize, and control illness or infection; and
  - b. Free from a condition or situation that may cause a resident or an individual to suffer physical injury;
2. A pest control program is used to control insects and rodents;
3. Tobacco smoking is permitted only in designated ventilated areas;
4. Biohazardous and hazardous wastes are identified, stored, used, and disposed of according to A.A.C. R18-13-1401;
5. There is space and equipment to meet the needs of the residents for:
  - a. Individual and group activities;
  - b. Community dining; and
  - c. Any special therapies such as physical, occupational, or speech therapy;
6. There is lighting for tasks performed by a resident or a staff member;
7. The temperature in the nursing care institution is no less than 71° F or more than 84° F;
8. A nursing care institution is ventilated by windows or mechanical ventilation, or a combination of both;
9. The corridors are equipped with handrails on each side that are firmly attached to the walls and are not in need of repair;
10. Equipment used to provide direct care is:
  - a. Maintained in working order;
  - b. Tested and calibrated, if applicable, at least once every 12 months or according to the manufacturer's recommendations; and
  - c. Used according to the manufacturer's recommendations; and

11. Documentation of each equipment test, calibration, and repair is:

a. Maintained on the nursing care institution's premises for one year from the date of the testing, calibration, or repair; and

b. Provided to the Department for review within two hours from the Department's request.

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 Section repealed, new Section adopted effective February 17, 1995 (Supp. 95-1). Section repealed; new Section made by final rulemaking at 9 A.A.R. 338, effective March 16, 2003 (Supp. 03-1).