

290-5-8-.12 Equipment.

- (1) Patient beds shall be single, at least thirty-six inches wide, with firm even springs covered by a mattress not less than four inches thick.
- (2) The home shall provide all linens and blankets essential to the treatment and comfort of patients.
- (3) Wheelchairs, walkers, and mechanical lifters shall be provided by the home when needed.
- (4) Each patient shall have necessary furniture which shall include a bedside table, a reading lamp, a chair, drawer space for clothes, enclosed space for hanging clothing, and individual towel rack, soap dish, drinking glass, and access to a mirror. Each patient shall have a suitable signaling device.
- (5) Individual equipment shall be cleaned after each use and disinfected at least once each week. Equipment such as bedpans, urinals and wash basins, if not individual, should be disinfected after each use.
- (6) Each patient shall be provided adequate supplies and equipment for proper oral hygiene including a toothbrush or a denture brush and denture receptacle when needed.
- (7) Bedrails shall be available for use as required by the patient's condition.
- (8) There shall be an electric clock with a bold face that can be read from a distance of twenty (20) feet installed in the lobby of each home.
- (9) Disposable equipment and supplies shall be used only once and disposed of in an approved manner.

Authority Ga. L. 1964, pp. 507, 612, as amended by Ga. L. 1969, p. 715 et seq; and Ga. L. 1972, p. 1015 et seq. **Administrative History.** Original Rule was filed on October 26, 1976; effective November 15, 1976.