

HAWAII

§11-94-8 Construction requirements.

(a) The facility shall be fully accessible to and functional for physically handicapped patients, personnel and the public.

(1) Patient living areas shall be designed and equipped for the comfort and privacy of the patient.

(2) Temperature and humidity shall be maintained within a normal comfort range.

(3) There shall be provisions within the facility for one or more areas of patient dining, diversional, and social activities. Total area for recreational and dining activities shall be not less than fifty square feet per bed for seventy-five percent of total bed capacity.

(A) Dayrooms shall be equipped with reading lamps, tables, chairs, or their equivalent, for the use and comfort of the patients.

(B) Dining areas shall be equipped with tables and safe chairs. A sufficient number of tables shall be of proper height to accommodate wheelchair patients.

(C) If a multi-purpose room is used for dining, diversional and social activities, there shall be sufficient space to accommodate all activities and prevent their interference with each other.

(D) In the event that adult nonresidents utilize part of the facilities twenty hours or more a week on a regular basis, additional space and facilities must be provided on the following basis for those persons:

(i) Twenty square feet per person in dining areas;

(ii) Thirty square feet per person in recreational areas;

(iii) One conveniently located toilet for each eight persons;

(iv) Sufficient additional staff persons

shall be provided to care for the needs of such persons.

(4) Illumination shall be provided for the comfort and safety of patients and personnel.

(5) Wall or door mirrors shall be provided and placed at convenient heights for patients' use.

(b) Accessibility to living and service areas.

(1) There shall be adequate space to allow free movement of occupants using wheelchairs, walkers, canes, and crutches to bed, bathroom, closet, and common hallway areas.

(2) Areas used for recreation, cooking, dining, storage, bathrooms, laundries, foyers, corridors, lanais, libraries, and other areas not suitable for sleeping shall not be used as bedrooms.

(3) Access from each bedroom to a bathroom, toilet, corridor, central utility or other areas of the facility shall not require passing through another bedroom, cooking, dining, or recreational area.

(4) All occupants of any bedroom shall be of the same sex except for those semi-private rooms which may be occupied by married couples upon request.

(c) Toilet and bath facilities.

(1) One toilet room shall serve not more than eight patients.

(2) The toilet room shall contain a toilet and lavatory. The washbasin may be omitted from a toilet room which serves single and multi-bed rooms if each such patient's room contains a lavatory.

(3) There shall be one shower or tub for each fourteen beds which are not otherwise served by bathing facilities within patient's rooms.

(4) Appropriately placed grab bars shall be provided in each toilet, bathtub, or shower enclosure.

(5) Curtains or doors to ensure privacy shall be provided.

(6) Separate toilet and bathing facilities for each sex, except where couples occupy a semi-private room with a bathroom, shall be provided.

(7) An adequate supply of hot and cold potable running water must be provided at all times. Temperatures of hot water at plumbing fixtures used by patients shall be automatically regulated and shall not exceed 110°F.

(8) Each toilet and bath facility shall have a call system which permits the occupant to signal the nursing station in an emergency.

(9) Where bedpans are used, equipment for their care shall be provided in an appropriate area of the facility. Where toilets adjoin patient's bedroom and are used for bedpan cleaning, they shall be equipped with bedpan flushing attachments with vacuum breakers.

(10) Provision shall be made for terminal sterilization of permanent personal care equipment unless disposables are used.

(11) Separate toilet facilities shall be provided for the use of patients and personnel.

(d) Patient bedrooms.

(1) Each room shall be at or above grade level.

(2) Windows in each habitable room shall have adequate means of ensuring privacy.

(3) Patient bedrooms shall have not more than four beds.

(4) Single patient rooms shall measure at least one hundred square feet of usable space, excluding closets, bathrooms, alcoves, and entryways.

(5) Multi-patient rooms shall provide a minimum of eighty square feet per bed of usable space, excluding closets, bathrooms, alcoves, and entryways.

(6) Bedside screens or curtains shall be provided in multi-bed rooms to ensure privacy for each patient.

(7) Beds shall be placed at least three feet apart and three feet from the wall at the side of the bed.

(8) Each patient shall be provided with:

(A) A separate bed of proper size and height for

the convenience of the patient and permitting an individual in a wheelchair to get in and out of bed unassisted.

(B) A comfortable mattress with permeable mattress cover, and a pillow with an impermeable cover.

(C) Sufficient clean bed linen and blankets to meet the patient's needs.

(D) Appropriate furniture, cabinets and closets, accessible to and usable by the physically handicapped. Locked containers shall be available upon patient's request.

(E) An effective signal call system at the patient's bedside.

(e) Ramps must be designed to permit use by patients in wheelchairs. Ramps shall meet the provisions of the Uniform Building Code 1979 and its revisions, as it existed on October 1, 1983.

(f) Floors and walls.

(1) Floor coverings shall be of slip-resistant material which does not retain odors and is flush at doorways.

(2) Walls, floors, and ceilings of rooms used by patients shall be made of materials which shall permit washing, cleaning, and painting.

(g) Windows and lighting.

(1) Each bedroom shall have at least one outside window.

(2) A habitable room shall have an aggregate window area of not less than one-tenth of the gross floor area.

(3) Patient's rooms shall have artificial light adequate for reading at bedside.

(4) There shall be night lighting in patient's rooms, toilets, and service areas.

(5) In rooms containing wheelchair patients, at least one window shall be low enough to permit outdoor viewing by the wheelchair-bound patient.

(h) Where appropriate, screening of doors and windows

shall be provided, using screening having sixteen meshes per inch.

(i) Doors.

(1) Sliding doors or folding doors shall not be used as exit doors, and if used in other areas, shall be of light material and easy to handle.

(2) Double acting doors shall be provided with vision panels of sufficient height to permit use by walkers as well as wheelchair riders.

(j) Corridors.

(1) The minimum clear width of a corridor shall be forty-four inches except that corridors serving one or more non-ambulatory or semi-ambulatory patients shall be not less than eight feet in width.

(2) Stationary handrails shall be installed along both sides of corridors.

(k) Storage space.

(1) Locked space shall be provided for janitor's supplies and equipment.

(2) Space, conveniently located, for other equipment shall be provided.

(1) The water supply shall be in accordance with chapter 340E, HRS.

(m) Chapter 11-39, Administrative Rules, relating to air conditioning and ventilating, shall be followed.

(n) Additions and alterations or repairs to existing buildings.

(1) Where the structure was in use for this type occupancy prior to the effective date of this chapter, the director, with discretion, may waive or modify any portion of the standard provided such exceptions do not create a hazard to patients, personnel, or public.

(2) The provisions of this section shall not prohibit the use of equivalent alternate space utilizations, new concepts of plan designs and material or systems if written approval of those alternatives is granted by the director.

(3) Drawings and specifications for all new construction or additions, alterations, or repairs to existing buildings subject to the provisions of this chapter shall be submitted to the director for review and a certificate of need where applicable.

(4) Construction shall not commence prior to the director's approval of construction drawings and specifications. Construction drawings and specifications shall comply with this chapter, the county fire marshal's regulations, and with county building codes and ordinances.

(5) The director shall review such submittals and advise the applicant in writing of the determination.

(6) The director may make written recommendations to the applicant for its consideration but the recommendations shall not be considered mandatory.

(7) Unless construction is commenced within the year of the approval of final construction drawings and specifications, the construction drawings and specifications together with their application shall be resubmitted for review and approval.

(8) Minor alterations which do not affect structural integrity, fire safety, or change functional operation, or which do not increase beds or services over that for which the facility is licensed may be submitted by free hand drawings or by more conventional drawings and specifications.

(9) Maintenance and repair routinely performed by the facility shall not require review or approval by the director.

(10) Facilities shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with provisions of state and county zoning, building, fire safety, and sanitation laws and ordinances.

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