

## **.25 Location and Communication.**

The site of the facility shall be approved by the Department. It shall be located in an area convenient to professional personnel and other employees. The environment shall be free from excessive noise and air pollution. In new facilities sound transmission limitations shall be in accordance with Standard No. E 90 of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), as revised from time to time. The facility shall be located on a well-drained site not subject to flooding. If it is served by private access roads, the facility shall maintain the roads in passable condition at all times. The following criteria shall control location of a facility proposed to be located near an airport:

A. Class I, Military Airports Handling Heavy Aircraft. Medical facilities may not be located beneath the approach/departure corridors. The corridor shall be defined as 2 miles wide and 5 miles long beginning at the end of the runway. Medical facilities may not be located beneath the airport traffic pattern, the pattern being defined as a 1 mile wide track centered on the nominal traffic pattern.

B. Class II, Commercial Airports Handling Heavy Commercial Aircraft. Medical facilities may not be located beneath the approach/departure corridor. The corridor shall be defined as 2 miles wide and 5 miles long beginning at the end of the runway.

C. Class III, Military and Commercial Airports Handling Light Aircraft and General Aviation. Medical facilities may not be located beneath the approach/departure corridor or traffic pattern. The corridor shall be 1 mile wide and 3 miles long beginning at the end of the runway, the traffic pattern restriction being defined as a 1 mile wide track centered on the nominal pattern.

D. Applicant's Responsibility to Supply Traffic Pattern Data. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to furnish all data on corridors and patterns as described above for the purpose of site approval. This data shall be submitted at the same time the facility submits information to Comprehensive Health Planning. The Department's response to the facility shall be made within the same time frame required for Comprehensive Health Planning.

E. New Facilities. In new construction the noise level may not exceed 40dB(A).

F. Class IV, Heliports. No restrictions when used exclusively for health care purposes. Facilities located near heliports used for purposes other than health care shall meet sound transmission limitations in accordance with Standard No. E 90 of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), as revised from time to time.

G. All existing facilities and those facilities approved by the Department before the adoption of these regulations shall be exempt from the location requirements of these regulations.