

**7.9.2.65 MAINTENANCE:** All facility furnishings and equipment shall be maintained in a usable, safe and sanitary condition.

[7-1-60, 5-2-89; 7.9.2.65 NMAC – Rn, 7 NMAC 9.2.65, 8-31-00]

**7.9.2.66 STERILIZATION OF SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT:** Each facility shall provide sterilized supplies and equipment by one or more of the following methods:

- A. Use of an autoclave.
- B. Use of disposable, individually wrapped, sterile supplies such as dressings, syringes, needles, catheters, and gloves.
- C. Sterilization services under a written agreement with another facility; or
- D. Other sterilization procedures when approved in writing by the Department.

[7-1-60, 5-2-89; 7.9.2.66 NMAC – Rn, 7 NMAC 9.2.66, 8-31-00]

**7.9.2.67 SANITIZATION OF UTENSILS:** Utensils such as individual bedpans, urinals and wash basins which are in use shall be sanitized in accordance with acceptable sanitization procedures on a routine schedule. These procedures shall be done in an appropriate area.

[7-1-60, 5-2-89; 7.9.2.67 NMAC – Rn, 7 NMAC 9.2.67, 8-31-00]

**7.9.2.68 DISINFECTION OF RESIDENT GROOMING UTENSILS:** Hair care tools such as combs, brushes, metal instruments, and shaving equipment which are used for more than one resident shall be disinfected before each use.

[7-1-60, 5-2-89; 7.9.2.68 NMAC – Rn, 7 NMAC 9.2.68, 8-31-00]

**7.9.2.69 OXYGEN:**

- A. No oil or grease shall be used on oxygen equipment.
- B. When placed at the resident's bedside, oxygen tanks shall be securely fastened to a tip-proof carrier or base.
- C. Oxygen regulators shall not be stored with solution left in the attached humidifier bottle.
- D. When in use at the resident's bedside, cannulas, hoses, and humidifier bottles shall be changed at least every thirty (30) days.
- E. Disposable inhalation equipment shall be pre-sterilized and kept in contamination-proof containers until used, and shall be replaced at least every thirty (30) days when in use.
- F. With other inhalation equipment such as intermittent positive pressure breathing equipment, the entire resident breathing circuit, including nebulizers and humidifiers, shall be changed at least every seven (7) days.

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**7.9.2.70 HOUSEKEEPING SERVICES:**

**A. REQUIREMENT:** Facilities shall develop and implement written policies that ensure a safe and sanitary environment for personnel and residents at all times.

**B. CLEANING:**

(1) General: The facility shall be kept clean and free from offensive odors, accumulations of dirt, rubbish, dust, and safety hazards.

(2) Floors: Floors and carpeting shall be kept clean. Polishes on floors shall provide a non-slip finish. Carpeting or any other material covering the floors that is worn, damaged, contaminated or badly soiled shall be replaced, repaired or cleaned.

(3) Other surfaces: Ceiling and walls shall be kept clean and in good repair at all times. The interior and exterior of the buildings shall be painted or stained as needed to protect the surfaces. Loose, cracked, or peeling wallpaper or paint shall be replaced or repaired.

(4) Furnishings: All furniture and other furnishings shall be kept clean and in good repair at all times.