

- (e) Kitchens, bathrooms, utility rooms, janitor closets, and soiled linen rooms shall be ventilated.
 - (9) Elevators: At least one elevator shall be provided in the facility if resident beds or activities are located on more than one floor. The platform size of the elevator shall be large enough to hold a resident bed as and attendant.
 - (10) Electrical:
 - (a) In all facilities, non-conductive wall plates shall be provided where the system is not properly grounded.
 - (b) In new construction begun after the effective date of these regulations, at least two (2) duplex-type outlets shall be provided for each bed.
- [7-1-60, 7-1-64, 5-2-89; 7.9.2.71 NMAC – Rn, 7 NMAC 9.2.71, 8-31-00]

7.9.2.72 RESIDENTS' ROOMS:

- A. ASSIGNMENT OF RESIDENTS:** Residents co-habiting a double occupancy room or a ward shall be of the same sex unless residents are married, related, or are consenting adults.
 - B. LOCATION:** No bedroom housing or resident shall:
 - (1) Open directly to a kitchen or laundry.
 - (2) Be located so that a person must pass through a resident's bedroom, toilet room, or bathroom to gain access to any other part of the facility.
 - (3) Be located so that a person must pass through a kitchen or laundry to gain access to the resident's room or other part of the facility.
 - C. ACCESS TO CORRIDOR AND OUTSIDE:** Each bedroom shall have direct access to a corridor and outside exposure with the floor at or above grade level.
 - D. SIZE:**
 - (1) The minimum floor area per bed shall be one hundred (100) square feet in single rooms and eighty (80) square feet per bed in multiple bedrooms, exclusive of vestibule, closets, built-in vanity and wardrobe, toilet rooms and built-in lockers. The department may waive this requirement in individual cases where the facility has demonstrated in writing that such variations are in accordance with the particular needs of the residents and will not adversely affect their health and safety.
 - (2) Resident rooms shall be large enough to permit the sides and feet of all beds to be not less than two (2) feet from the nearest walls.
 - (3) Ceilings shall be at least eight (8) feet in height.
 - E. WINDOWS:** The bottom sill of windows in bedrooms shall be no more than three (3) feet from the floor.
 - F. BED CAPACITY:** No rooms shall house more than four (4) beds.
 - G. BED ARRANGEMENTS:** The beds shall be arranged so that the beds shall be at least three (3) feet apart and clear aisle space of at least three (3) feet from the entrance to the room to each bed shall be provided.
 - H. CLOSET SPACE:** A closet or locker shall be provided for each resident in each bedroom. Closets or lockers shall afford a space of not less than fifteen (15) inches wide by eighteen (18) inches deep by five (5) feet in height for each resident bed.
 - I. CUBICLE CURTAINS:** Each bed in a multiple-bed room shall have a flame retardant or flameproof cubicle curtain or an equivalent divider that will assure resident privacy.
 - J. ROOM IDENTIFICATION:** Each bedroom shall be identified with a unique number placed on or near the door.
 - K. DESIGN AND PROXIMITY TO BATHS:** Residents' bedrooms shall be designed and equipped for adequate nursing care and the comfort and privacy of residents. Each bedroom shall have or shall be conveniently located near adequate toilet and bathing facilities.
- [7-1-60, 7-1-64, 5-2-89; 7.9.2.72 NMAC – Rn, 7 NMAC 9.2.72, 8-31-00]

7.9.2.73 TOILET AND BATHING FACILITIES:

- A. GENERAL:** All lavatories required by this subsection shall have hot and cold running water.

Toilets shall be water flushed and equipped with open front seats without lids.

(1) Toilet facilities shall be provided in conjunction with each resident's rooms, with not more than two (2) residents' rooms, and not more than four (4) beds per toilet room.

(2) One toilet and one lavatory for not more than four (4) residents shall be provided and separate facilities shall be provided for each sex.

(3) One tub or shower for every twenty (20) residents shall be provided. The bath or shower shall be located on the same floor as the residents served. Facilities for showering with a wheeled shower chair shall be provided.

(4) Every tub, shower, or toilet shall be separated in such a manner that it can be used independently and afford privacy.

(5) On floors where wheelchair residents are cared for, there shall be a toilet room large enough to accommodate a wheelchair and attendant.

B. EMPLOYEE AND FAMILY FACILITIES: Toilets, baths, and lavatories for use by employees or family members shall be separate from those used by residents.

C. GRAB BARS: Firmly secured grab bar shall be installed in every toilet and bathing compartment used by residents.

D. WHEELCHAIR FACILITIES:

(1) On floors housing residents who use wheelchairs, there shall be at least one toilet room large enough to accommodate wheelchairs.

(2) In all facilities licensed for skilled care, a bathtub or shower room large enough to accommodate a wheelchair and attendant shall be provided.

E. The requirement of separate facilities for male and female residents is not applicable to facilities used by married couples sharing a room, or those referenced in Section 9.2.72.A if the facilities are not used by other residents.

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7.9.2.74 NURSING FACILITIES:

A. ALL FACILITIES: Each facility shall have:

(1) A medicine storage area.

(2) Space for storage of linen, equipment, and supplies.

(3) Utility rooms, which shall be located, designed and equipped to provide areas for the separate handling of clean and soiled linen, equipment, and supplies.

B. Each resident care area on each floor shall have:

(1) A centrally located nurse station located to provide visual control of all resident room corridors; equipped with storage for records and charts, a desk or work counter, operational telephone, and nurse call system as required in Section 7.9.2.75.

(2) A medicine preparation room immediately adjacent to the nurse station with a work counter, refrigerator, sink, and a well-lighted medicine cabinet with lock and space for medicine cart. The room shall be mechanically ventilated.

(3) A soiled utility room with a flush-rim siphon jet service sink cabinet counter, and sink with hot and cold running water. The utility shall be mechanically ventilated and under negative pressure.

(4) A cleaning area or room with a sink with hot and cold running water, counter, and cabinets.

(5) Staff toilet and lavatory facilities separate from those of residents, near nursing station.

(6) If a kitchen is not open at all times, a nourishment station with sink, hot and cold running water, refrigerator, and storage for serving between meal nourishment. Each station may service more than one nursing area.

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7.9.2.75 NURSE CALL SYSTEM: A nurse call station shall be installed at each resident's bed, in each resident's toilet room, and at each bathtub and shower. The nurse call at the toilet, bath, and shower rooms shall be