

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