

C. In addition to the requirements of Sections 7.9.2.82.A and 7.9.2.82.B, facilities shall have:

(1) A soiled linen sorting room separate from the laundry, which shall be mechanically ventilated and under negative pressure.

(2) A lavatory with both hot and cold running water, soap, and individual towels in the laundry area.
[7-1-60, 5-2-89; 7.9.2.82 NMAC – Rn, 7 NMAC 9.2.82, 8-31-00]

7.9.2.83 ISOLATION: For every one hundred (100) beds or fraction thereof, facilities shall have available one separate room, equipped with separate toilet, handwashing, and bathing facilities, for the temporary isolation of a resident. The isolation room bed shall be considered part of the licensed bed capacity of the facility.

[7-1-60, 5-2-89; 7.9.2.83 NMAC – Rn, 7 NMAC 9.2.83, 8-31-00]

7.9.2.84 ADMINISTRATION AND ACTIVITY AREAS:

A. **ADMINISTRATION AND RESIDENT ACTIVITY AREAS:** Administration and resident activities areas shall be provided. The sizes of the various areas will depend upon the requirements of the facility. Some functions allotted separate spaces or rooms under Section 7.9.2.84B may be combined, provided that the resulting plan will not compromise acceptable standards of safety, medical and nursing practices, and the social needs of residents.

B. Administration department areas shall include:

- (1) Business office.
- (2) Lobby and information center.
- (3) Office of administrator.
- (4) Admitting and medical records area.
- (5) Public and staff toilet room.
- (6) Office of director of nurses; and
- (7) In-service training area.

C. Resident activities areas shall include:

- (1) Occupational therapy.
- (2) Physical therapy.
- (3) Activity area; and
- (4) Beauty and barber shop.

[5-2-89; 7.9.2.84 NMAC – Rn, 7 NMAC 9.2.84, 8-31-00]

7.9.2.85 MIXED OCCUPANCY: Rooms or areas within the facility may be used for occupancy by individuals other than residents and facility staff if the following conditions are met:

A. The use of these rooms does not interfere with the services provided to the residents; and

B. The administrator takes reasonable steps to ensure that the health and safety and rights of the residents are protected.

[5-2-89; 7.9.2.85 NMAC – Rn, 7 NMAC 9.2.85, 8-31-00]

7.9.2.86 LOCATION AND SITE:

A. **ZONING;** The site shall adhere to local zoning regulations.

B. **OUTDOOR AREAS:** Areas shall be provided for outdoor recreation area, exclusive of driveways and parking area.

C. **PARKING:** Space for off-street parking for staff and visitors shall be provided.

[5-2-89, 7-1-60; 7.9.2.86 NMAC – Rn, 7 NMAC 9.2.86, 8-31-00]

7.9.2.87 SUBMISSION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS: For all new construction:

A. One copy of schematic and preliminary plans shall be submitted to the Department for review and approval of the functional layout.

B. One copy of working plans and specifications shall be submitted to and approved by the

Department before construction is begun. The Department shall notify the facility in writing of any divergence in the plans and specifications, as submitted, from the prevailing rules.

C. The plans specified in Section 7.9.2.87 shall show the general arrangement of the buildings, including a room schedule and fixed equipment for each room and a listing of room numbers, together with other pertinent information. Plans submitted shall be drawn to scale.

D. Any changes in the approved working plans affecting the application of the requirements herein established shall be shown on the approved working plans and shall be submitted to the Department for approval before construction is undertaken. The Department shall notify the facility in writing of any divergence in the plans and specifications as submitted, from the prevailing rules.

E. If on-site construction above the foundation is not started within six (6) months of the date of approval of the working plans and specifications under Section 7.9.2.87.B, the approval shall be void and the plans and specifications shall be resubmitted for reconsideration of approval.

F. If there are no divergences from the prevailing rules, the Department shall provide the facility with written approval of the plans as submitted.

[7-1-60, 5-2-89; 7.9.2.87 NMAC – Rn, 7 NMAC 9.2.87, 8-31-00]

7.9.2.88 RELATED REGULATIONS AND CODES: Long term care facilities subject to these regulations are also subject to other regulations, codes and standards as the same may, from time to time, be amended as follows:

A. Health Facility Licensure Fees and Procedures, New Mexico Department of Health, 7 NMAC 1.7 (10-31-96).

B. Health Facility Sanctions and Civil Monetary Penalties, New Mexico Department of Health, 7 NMAC 1.8 (10-31-96).

C. Adjudicatory Hearings, New Mexico Department of Health, 7 NMAC 1.2 (2-1-96).
[10-31-96; 7.9.2.88 NMAC – Rn, 7 NMAC 9.2.88, 8-31-00]

History of 7.9.2 NMAC:

Pre-NMAC History:

Material in this part was derived from that previously filed with the supreme court law library:
New Mexico Department of Public Health Licensing Regulations Part 3, Nursing Homes, June 1964.
The commission of public records, state records center and archives:
HED 89-2, Regulations Governing Long Term Care Facilities, 05-02-89.

Other History:

7 NMAC 9.2, Requirements for Long Term Care Facilities, filed 10-18-96, reformatted, renumbered and amended to 7.8.2 NMAC, effective 08-31-00.