

APPENDIX D

Recommended Lighting Levels for Areas Unique to Nursing Homes

Minimum Foot Candles on Tasks At Any Time¹

| | | <i>Foot Candles</i> |
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| Administrative Spaces: General Office, Medical Records, Conference/interview area/room(s) | | 50 |
| Corridors – Nursing Areas: | Day: | 20 |
| | Night: | 10 |
| Dietary | | 50 |
| Elevators | | 15 |
| Examination Rooms | | 50 |
| Employee: | Lounge(s): | 50 |
| | Locker Room(s): | 20 |
| Linens: | Sorting soiled linen: | 30 |
| | Central clean linen supply: | 30 |
| | Linen room(s)/closets | 10 |
| Stairways | | 15 |
| Lobby area(s): | Receptionist: | 30 |
| | General: | 20 |
| Physical therapy | | 30 |
| Occupational therapy area(s): | Work benches/tables: | 50 |
| | Work area – general: | 30 |
| Speech therapy | | 30 |
| Resident Lounge(s): | Reading | 30 |
| | General | 15 |
| Resident dining area(s) | | 30 |
| Resident care area(s): | Room/bed/toilet/reading: | 30 |
| | General: | 15 |
| Nursing station(s): | Desk, medication area, nourishment center: | 50 |
| | General: | 30 |
| | Corridors day/night (see “corridors” above): | 20 - 10 |
| Mechanical-electrical room/space: | | 30 |
| Utility room: | Clean and soiled | 30 |
| Janitor’s closet | | 15 |
| Storage – general | | 20 |
| Toilet – bathing – shower facilities | | 30 |
| Barber and beautician areas | | 50 |
| Waiting area(s): | Reading | 30 |
| | General | 20 |
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¹ Source: *Guidelines for Construction and Equipment of Hospital and Medical Facilities*, The American Institute of Architects Press, Washington, D.C., 1992--1993 edition.