Dining/Lounge Area

(3) There shall be provisions within the facility for one or more areas of patient dining, diversional, and social activities. Total area for recreational and dining activities shall be not less than fifty square feet per bed for seventy-five percent of total bed capacity.

(A) Dayrooms shall be equipped with reading lamps, tables, chairs, or their equivalent, for the use and comfort of the patients.

(B) Dining areas shall be equipped with tables and safe chairs. A sufficient number of tables shall be of proper height to accommodate wheelchair patients.

(C) If a multi-purpose room is used for dining, diversional and social activities, there shall be sufficient space to accommodate all activities and prevent their interference with each other.

(D) In the event that adult nonresidents utilize part of the facilities twenty hours or more a week on a regular basis, additional space and facilities must be provided on the following basis for those persons:

(i) Twenty square feet per person in dining areas;
(ii) Thirty square feet per person in recreational areas;
(iii) One conveniently located toilet for each eight persons;
(iv) Sufficient additional staff persons shall be provided to care for the needs of such persons

New Construction of Dining/Lounge Area

Summary: Square Feet per Bed; Dayroom and Dining Equipment; Accessibility; Multi-Purpose Room