Dining/Lounge Area

(w) Each facility shall have living areas with sufficient space to accommodate the dining, activity, and lounge needs of the residents and to prevent the interference of one (1) function with another as follows:

(1) In a facility licensed prior to June 1970, the lounge area, which may also be used for dining, shall be a minimum of ten (10) square feet per bed.
(2) In a facility licensed since June 1970, the total dining, activity, and lounge area shall be at least twenty (20) square feet per bed.
(3) For facilities for which construction plans are submitted for approval after 1984, the total area for resident dining, activity, and lounge purposes shall not be less than thirty (30) square feet per bed.
(4) Dining, lounge, and activity areas shall be:

(A) readily accessible to wheelchair and ambulatory residents; and
(B) sufficient in size to:

(i) accommodate necessary equipment; and
(ii) permit unobstructed movement of wheelchairs, residents, and personnel responsible for assisting, instructing, or supervising residents.

(5) Dining tables of the appropriate height shall be provided to assure access to meals and comfort for residents seated in:

(A) wheelchairs;
(B) geriatric chairs; and
(C) regular dining chairs.

(y) Facilities having continuing deficiencies in the service of resident meals directly attributable to inadequacies in the size of the dining room or dining areas shall submit a special plan of correction detailing how meal service will be changed to meet the resident's needs.

(z) A comfortably furnished resident living and lounge area shall be provided on each resident occupied floor of a multistory building. This lounge may be furnished and maintained to accommodate activity and dining functions.

(aa) The provision of an activity area shall be based on the level of care of the residents housed in the facility. The facility shall provide the following:

(1) Equipment and supplies for:
(A) independent and group activities; and
(B) residents having special needs.
(2) Space to store recreational equipment and supplies for the activities program within or convenient to the area.

(3) Locked storage for potentially dangerous items, such as:
(A) scissors;
(B) knives;
(C) razor blades; or
(D) toxic materials.

(4) In a facility for which plans were approved after December 19, 1977, a restroom:
(A) large enough to accommodate a wheelchair; and
(B) equipped with grab bars; located near the activity area.

(cc) The facility must provide one (1) or more rooms designated for resident dining and activities. These rooms must:
(1) be well-lighted with artificial and natural lighting;
(2) be well-ventilated with nonsmoking areas identified;
(3) be adequately furnished with structurally sound furniture that accommodates residents' needs, including those in wheelchairs; and
(4) have sufficient space to accommodate all activities.

New Construction of Dining/Lounge Area

Summary: Date Specifics; Square Feet per Bed; Dining Room Size; Deficiencies; Equipment and Supplies; Accessibility; Lighting; Structurally Sound Furniture