Resident Bedroom

(2) The number of beds in a nursing unit shall not exceed sixty (60) unless additional services are provided, as deemed necessary by the licensure agency. At least two (2) rooms per nursing unit shall be designed for single person occupancy (one (1) bed) and shall have private toilet rooms with bath. At least sixty (60) percent of the beds shall be located in rooms designed for one (1) or two (2) beds.

Section 6. Nursing Unit.

(1) Patient rooms. Each patient room shall meet the following requirements:
   (a) Maximum room capacity: four (4) patients;
   (b) Patient rooms shall be designed to permit no more than two (2) beds side by side parallel to the window wall. Not less than a four (4) foot space shall be provided between beds, and at least a three (3) foot space between the side of a bed and the nearest wall, fixed cabinet, or heating/cooling element. A minimum of four (4) feet is required between foot of bed and opposite wall, or foot of opposite bed in multibed rooms;
   (c) Window. All patient rooms must have windows opening to the outside. The sill shall not be higher than three (3) feet above the floor and shall be above grade. The window area shall be at least eight (8) percent of patient room floor area;
   (e) Wardrobe or closet for each patient. Minimum clear dimensions: one (1) foot and ten (10) inches deep by one (1) foot and eight (8) inches wide with full length hanging space clothes rod and shelf;
   (f) Cubicle curtains, or equivalent built-in devices shall be provided, for complete privacy for each patient in each multibed room and in tub, shower and toilet rooms;
   (g) No patient room shall be located more than 120 feet from the nurses’ station, the clean workroom, and the soiled workroom. No room shall be used as a patient room where the access is through another patient’s room.

(b) Patients’ bedrooms shall have general lighting and night lighting. A reading light shall be provided for each patient. A fixed receptacle type night light mounted approximately sixteen (16) inches above the floor, shall be provided in each patient room. Patients’ reading lights and other fixed lights not switched at the door shall have switch controls convenient for use at the luminaire. All switches for control of light in patient areas shall be of the quiet operating type.

(a) Bedroom. Each patient bedroom shall have duplex receptacles as follows: one (1) each side of the head of each bed (for parallel adjacent beds, only one (1) receptacle is required between the beds); receptacles for luminaires, television and motorized beds, if used, and one (1) receptacle on another wall.

(c) Room accommodations.

1. Each patient shall be provided a standard size bed or the equivalent at least thirty-six (36) inches wide, equipped with substantial springs, a clean comfortable mattress, a mattress cover, two (2) sheets and a pillow, and such bed covering as is required to keep the patients comfortable. Rubber or other impervious sheets shall be placed over the mattress cover whenever necessary. Beds
occupied by patients shall be placed so that no patient may experience discomfort because of proximity to radiators, heat outlets, or by exposure to drafts.

2. The facility shall provide window coverings, bedside tables with reading lamps (if appropriate), comfortable chairs, chest or dressers with mirrors, a night light, and storage space for clothing and other possessions.

3. Patients shall not be housed in unapproved rooms or unapproved detached buildings.

4. Basement rooms shall not be used for sleeping rooms for patients.

5. Patients may have personal items and furniture when it is physically feasible.

6. There shall be a sufficient number of tables provided that can be rolled over a patient's bed or be placed next to a bed to serve patients who cannot eat in the dining room.

9. Each patient shall be permitted to have his own radio and television set in his room unless it interferes with or is disturbing to other patients.

Toilet Area

(d) Lavatory. In single and two (2) bed rooms with private toilet room, the lavatory may be located in the toilet room. Where two (2) patient rooms share a common toilet, a lavatory shall be provided in each patient room;

(a) A toilet room shall be directly accessible from each patient room and from each central bathing area without going through the general corridor. One (1) toilet room may serve two (2) patient rooms but not more than four (4) beds. The minimum dimensions of any room containing only a toilet shall be three (3) feet by five (5) feet; bedpan flushing devices must be provided in each toilet room;

(b) Toilets must be easily usable by wheelchair patients. Grab bars shall be provided at all toilets;

(c) At least one (1) toilet for each sex shall be provided for training purposes and access by wheelchair chairs. This shall be accessible from the nursing corridor and may be part of the bathing area. Minimum size shall be five (5) feet by six (6) feet;

(d) Doors to toilet rooms shall have a minimum width of two (2) feet and ten (10) inches to admit a wheelchair.

(g) Grab bars and accessories in patient toilet, shower, and bathrooms shall have sufficient strength and anchorage to sustain a load of 250 pounds for five (5) minutes.

(h) Lavatories intended for use by patients shall be installed to permit wheelchairs to slide under.

(i) The location and arrangement of lavatories and sinks with blade handles intended for hand-washing purposes shall provide sixteen (16) inches clearance each side of center line of fixture.

(j) Mirrors shall be arranged for convenient use by patients in wheelchairs as well as by patients in standing position.

(k) Towel dispensers shall be provided at all lavatories and sinks used for hand-washing.

New Construction: Room and Bath
**Summary:** Room Location; Room Capacity; Minimum Bed Size; Minimum Linens Specified; Minimum Furnishings Specified; Mirrors; Bed Spacing; Grab Bars; Windows; Toilet Capacity; Lavatories