Resident Bedroom

B. Bedroom Accommodations. The following requirements shall be met:

(1) Each patient's room shall have direct access to an exit as specified by the Life Safety Code.

(2) A room which opens into the kitchen may not be used as a patient bedroom.

(3) A room may not be used as a patient bedroom which necessitates passing through a kitchen to reach any other area.

(4) Patients may not occupy rooms extending below the ground level.

(5) More than six persons may not occupy a multiple occupancy bedroom.

(6) Care shall be exercised to prevent beds from being located near radiators, registers, or sources of draft.

Agency Note: In existing facilities, curtains or screens shall be acceptable.

(8) Adequate closet space shall be provided in, or convenient to, each bedroom to allow each patient to keep necessary items of clothing. Where closets are locked, a master key or duplicate key shall be available in the administrator's office. Adequate storage space shall be provided for patients' personal possessions, including the storage of seasonal clothing.

(10) All occupants of any bedroom shall be of the same sex, except in the case of a two-bed room occupied only by husband and wife.

C. Floor and Window Space. The following requirements shall be met:

(1) A distance of at least 3 feet shall be maintained between each bed. Each bed is to be placed so that all sides of the bed are at least 18 inches from walls or heating units.

(2) The following allowance of floor space shall be considered a minimum:
(a) Single-bed room----100 square feet.
(b) Multiple-bed rooms-----80 square feet (per bed).

Agency Note: Recommended for multi-bed rooms, 100 square feet per bed; single-bed rooms, 125 square feet per bed.

(3) For any bedroom in a new facility, the following floor areas may not be included in the calculation of floor space:
(a) The floor area of toilet rooms and bathing facilities;
(b) The floor area of closets;
(c) The floor area occupied by wardrobes, bureaus, or lockers;
(d) The floor area occupied by, or directly under, any HVAC equipment, including any steam, water, or electrical supply or return lines which may run parallel to the floor, or interrupt the floor.
The floor area occupied by any support columns, pipe chases, or other structure, whether free-standing or as an integral part of a wall; and

(f) The floor area described by the arc of any door, excluding closet doors, which opens into the room.

(5) In existing facilities, the usable floor area for rooms having sloping walls shall be calculated for bed occupancy only for that area having a ceiling height of 8 feet and 50 percent of the area having ceiling height of between 4 feet and 7 feet 6 inches provided that at least 50 percent of the total area has a ceiling height of 8 feet. The minimum horizontal dimension of any room shall be 9 feet.

(6) The window area may not be less than 10 square feet per bed, half of which is able to be opened. A window opening shall be at least 28 inches X 28 inches (to permit entry of firemen, removal of smoke, and emergency evacuation). In case of airconditioning, the presence of portable airconditioning units may not block window space. The installation of portable airconditioning units shall be approved by fire authorities.

D. Furnishings. The following shall be provided;

(1) Each patient shall be provided with his own bed which shall be at least 36 inches wide, be substantially constructed and in good repair. Rollaway type beds, cots or folding beds may not be used.

(2) Each bed shall be provided with satisfactory type springs in good repair, and a clean comfortable mattress, standard in size for the bed.

(3) Each bed shall be provided with a clean, comfortable pillow. Extra pillows shall be available.

(4) Each patient shall be provided with the following furnishings which shall be convenient to the patient:
(a) Bedside stand with a drawer.
(b) Towel rack. A towel rack in an existing private bathroom satisfies this requirement.
(c) A comfortable chair.
(d) At least two dresser drawers in a chest of drawers.
(e) Enclosed space for hanging clothing.
(f) Wall mirror in each room (unless contraindicated by physician's order).
(g) Bedside lamp or other directional light source for patient reading or bedside care, or both.

(5) Windows shall be provided with shades or draperies adequate to control glare and maintain privacy.

(6) Each living room for patients' use shall be provided with a sufficient number of reading lamps, tables, and comfortable chairs or sofas.

Toilet Area

(10) For each eight beds there shall be at least one toilet enclosed in a separate room or stall.
(11) There shall be one lavatory for every four beds.
(12) For handwashing purposes there shall be a towel dispenser and a supply of paper towels and soap dispenser adjacent to all lavatories.

New Construction: Room and Bath
(7) In new construction, cubicle curtains and tracks shall be provided in multiple occupancy bedrooms between beds to insure privacy of patients when necessary.

(4) For any bedroom in a new facility, the minimum horizontal dimension is to be 10 feet to facilitate the placement of beds as required in §C(1) of this regulation and to maintain a minimum clearance of 3 feet at the foot of the bed.

(7) In new construction each patient's room shall be provided with a lavatory with both hot and cold running water unless private toilet or bathroom facilities are connected to the bedroom.

**Summary:** Beds per Room; Bed Size Minimum; Bed Spacing; Minimum Furnishings Specified; In-Room Lavatory (New Construction); Hot and Cold Water; Toilet and Lavatory Capacity; Windows; Storage