Resident Bedroom

A facility shall not locate a resident room door more than one hundred forty feet (140') from the nurses’ station and the dirty utility room.

(38) Resident room area shall be a minimum of eighty (80) square feet per bed in multiple bed resident rooms, and one hundred (100) square feet per bed in one (1)-bed resident rooms. A continuous aisle not less than three feet (3’) wide shall be available around the foot and along both sides of each bed. Facilities shall locate beds to avoid drafts, excessive heat and other residents discomforts. Typical minimum clear dimensions for the bed area in resident rooms shall be as follows:

1-Bed 10’6” × 9’3”
2-Bed 10’6” × 15’6”
3-Bed 10’6” × 21’9”
4-Bed 18’0” × 15’6”

Heating units and handwashing sinks may protrude into this required space.

(40) Each resident shall have a wardrobe, locker or closet. A clothes rod and shelf shall be provided.

(41) No room shall be occupied by more than four (4) beds.

(42) No resident shall be housed in a room in which the outside grade line is more than three feet (3’) above the floor level on the window side of the resident room for a distance of at least fifteen feet (15’) from the outside wall of the resident room. The resident rooms shall be outside rooms with minimum window sizes as follows:

1-Bed 10 square feet
2-Bed 16 square feet
3-Bed 24 square feet
4-Bed 32 square feet

These areas are for total window size including frames.

Toilet Area

(43) Each resident, without entering the general corridor area, shall have access to a toilet room.

(44) One (1) toilet room shall serve no more than six (6) beds and no more than two (2) resident rooms.

(45) The toilet room shall contain a water closet and a lavatory.

(46) If each resident room contains a handwashing sink, the may omit the handwashing sink from a toilet room that serves adjacent resident rooms. When a handwashing sink is located within the same room as the toilet, the minimum area of a room shall be thirty (30) square feet. If the room contains only a toilet, the minimum area of the room shall be eighteen (18) square feet.
(69) Facilities shall provide grab bars or handrails, secured in proper positions to facilitate the bodily movements of residents, next to all bathtubs, within all showers and on at least one (1) side of all toilets. II

(70) Lavatories shall be positioned to be accessible to wheelchair residents and shall not have cabinets underneath or any other unnecessary obstruction to the maneuverability of wheelchairs. III

(71) The facility shall provide mirrors in each resident’s room or adjoining toilet room. Mirrors shall be at least three feet (3’) high with the bottom edge located no more than three feet four inches (3’ 4”) above the floor or the facility may use framed tilting mirror(s). III

(72) Facilities shall provide fire-resistant divider curtains attached to the ceiling or walls in all resident rooms other than private or single bedrooms. A facility shall place these divider curtains to provide complete privacy for each bed. III

New Construction: Room and Bath

(83) Hardware on toilet room doors shall be operable from both the inside and the outside. II

(120) Residents’ bedrooms shall have a minimum general illumination of ten (10) footcandles, a night-light and a resident’s reading light. The outlets for general illumination and night-lights shall be switched at the door. III

(121) Each single-bed resident room shall have at least two (2) duplex receptacles. All multi-bed resident rooms shall have at least one (1) duplex receptacle at the head of each bed plus one (1) additional duplex receptacle. Facilities shall not place duplex receptacles in a manner to cause an electrical shock hazard. III

(123) If ceiling lights are used in residents’ rooms, they shall be of a type which are shaded or globed to minimize glare. III

(3) In an existing facility licensed prior to July 1, 1965, the number of persons in any room or area used as sleeping quarters shall not exceed the proportion of one (1) adult for each sixty (60) square feet. In facilities licensed on or after July 1, 1965, adult resident rooms shall be a minimum of eighty (80) square feet per bed in multi-bed resident rooms and one hundred (100) square feet for private rooms. This square footage can include all useable floor spaces such as closets, entryways, and areas with moveable items or furniture that do not impact the safety or welfare of the resident, used for residents’ belongings or if related to their care. Only the area of a room with a ceiling height of at least seven feet (7’) can be included when calculating the square footage. II/III

(4) An existing facility licensed prior to July 1, 1965 shall not use a private room less than sixty (60) square feet in size as sleeping quarters for residents under seventeen (17) years of age. In multi-bed resident rooms, the following ratios shall apply: thirty (30) square feet per bed for beds four feet (4’) or less in length, forty (40) square feet per bed for beds four feet through five feet (4’–5’) in length and sixty (60) square feet per bed for beds over five feet (5’) in length. In facilities licensed on or after July 1, 1965, rooms shall be a minimum of thirty-five (35) square feet per bed for beds four feet (4’) or less in length; forty-five (45) square feet per bed for beds four feet through five feet (4’–5’) in length; eighty (80) square feet per bed over five (5) square feet in length in multiple bedrooms; and one hundred (100) square feet for private rooms. II/III
(5) A facility may not house a resident in a room which has an outside grade of more than three feet (3') above the floor level on the window side of the resident's room for a distance of at least fifteen feet (15') from the outside wall of the resident's room. II/III

(6) Facilities initially licensed after July 1, 1965 shall have no more than four (4) beds per room. II/III

(7) The facility shall provide sleeping quarters, separate from resident bedrooms for the administrator or employees and their families who reside there. III

(8) A facility shall conspicuously and unmistakably identify each room or ward or resident-use area with a number or room name securely fastened to, or plainly painted on the entrance of the room or ward. III

(9) Each resident room shall have an outside window with an area equivalent to not less than ten percent (10%) of the required floor area. The facility shall maintain windows so that they may be readily opened and closed. II/III

(10) Facilities shall ensure that every window in resident-use areas has shades, curtains or drapes. III

(16) Toilet rooms shall be easily accessible, conveniently located, well-lighted and properly ventilated. Doors to toilet rooms which may be locked from the inside, shall be equipped with a special lock which may be opened from the outside. II/III

(17) Existing licensed facilities shall provide one (1) toilet for each ten (10) residents or fraction of ten. II/III

(18) The facility shall provide separate toilet facilities for each sex. Where urinals are provided for men, a facility shall provide one (1) toilet and urinal for each fifteen (15) males or fraction of fifteen. III

(19) Facilities shall provide grab bars on at least one (1) side of all toilets, in proper positions to facilitate bodily movement of residents. II

(20) Existing licensed facilities shall provide handwashing facilities consisting of a handwashing sink in each toilet room for each fifteen (15) residents or fraction of fifteen. The handwashing sink may be omitted from a toilet room which serves adjacent resident rooms if each room contains a handwashing sink. II/III

(40) The facility shall ensure that each resident shall be provided an individual bed, single or twin, in good repair of rigid type. Beds shall be at least thirty-six inches (36") wide. Double beds of satisfactory construction may be provided for married couples. Rollaway, metal cots or folding beds shall not be used. II/III

(41) A minimum of three feet (3') shall be available between parallel beds. III

(42) Mattresses shall be clean, in good repair, sized to fit the bed and a minimum of four inches (4") in thickness to provide comfort. II/III

(43) The facility shall ensure that each bed has at least one (1) clean comfortable pillow. Extra pillows shall be available to meet the needs of the residents. III
(44) Multi-bed resident rooms shall have screens or curtains, either portable or permanently affixed, available and used to provide privacy as needed or as requested. III

(45) Facilities shall provide each resident with an individual locker or other suitable space for storage of clothing and personal belongings. III

(46) The facility shall provide residents with an individual rack for towels and washcloths unless they are provided with clean washcloths or towels for use each time needed. III

(47) A comfortable chair shall be available for each resident’s use. III

**Summary:** Outside Grade Line Limitations; Minimum Room Size (Date-Specific); Beds per Room; Minimum Bed Size; Minimum Linens and Furnishings Specified; Toilet and Lavatory Capacity; Windows; Privacy Curtains