**Resident Bedroom**

**PRE-1975:**

(f) There shall be a maximum of four certified beds in any resident bedroom.

(g) Single resident bedrooms shall have a minimum usable floor area of one hundred square feet per bed, exclusive of closets, toilets and vestibules. Multi-resident bedrooms shall have a minimum usable floor area of eighty square feet per bed, exclusive of closets, toilets and vestibules.

(h) Resident bedrooms shall be designed and equipped for adequate nursing care, comfort and privacy of the residents and shall comply with the following:

(1) Placement of residents’ beds shall be such that a bed may be approached from at least one side and one end. No bed shall be closer than three feet to a window, radiator, or an adjacent bed.

(2) All beds in multi-resident rooms shall have flame-retardant cubicle curtains for resident privacy.

(3) Resident bedrooms shall be arranged and furnished so that it shall be possible to move a resident from a bed to a stretcher and in or out of the room without moving other beds in the room.

(4) A closet or locker, measuring at least eighteen inches by eighteen inches by sixty inches high or the equivalent thereof, acceptable to the department, shall be provided for each resident and shall be located within, or directly adjacent to each resident bedroom.

(5) A handwashing facility shall be provided within or adjacent to each resident bedroom.

(6) Every resident bedroom shall have an exit access door leading directly to a corridor, which leads to an exit. One adjacent room may intervene, but this shall be limited to a lounge or anteroom.

(j) Each resident bedroom shall have direct access to an outside exposure. Windowsills shall not be higher than three feet above the finished floor, and shall be above grade.

**1975-1990:**

(b) Each resident bedroom shall meet the following requirements:

(1) The maximum room capacity shall be four residents.

(2) The minimum room areas exclusive of toilet rooms, closets, lockers, wardrobes, alcoves, or vestibules shall be one hundred twenty five square feet in single bedrooms and one hundred square feet per bed in multi-bed rooms.

(3) Each room shall have a window that can be opened without the use of tools. The windowsills shall not be higher than three feet above the finished floor and shall be above grade.

(7) Each resident shall have a wardrobe, locker, or closet with minimum clear dimensions of one foot ten inches by one foot eight inches. An adjustable clothes rod and shelf shall be provided.

(8) Visual privacy shall be provided for each resident in multi-bed rooms with noncombustible cubicle curtains.

(9) No resident bedroom shall be located more than one hundred twenty feet from the soiled workroom or the soiled holding room, or the clean work room or clean holding room.
1990-2010:

(4) At least one-tenth of the total number of residents in any facility shall be located in single rooms, with at least one toilet shared between two single rooms.

(b) Each resident bedroom shall meet the following requirements:

(1) The maximum room capacity shall be two residents. Changes to the maximum number of two residents per room may be made upon a determination by the department that an alternate room configuration provides a clearly superior resident environment for residents with unusual care requirements. The maximum capacity of single rooms is one resident and such capacity shall not be exceeded.

(2) The net useable area and configuration of each room shall permit wheelchair accessibility. The bedroom shall be designed to permit wheelchair access and a minimum five foot (5'-0") diameter turnaround adjacent to at least one side of each bed. Where one side of a bed is permitted to be placed against a side wall of the room and resident care needs require additional space between the bed and the wall, the room shall be of sufficient dimension to maintain the required five foot (5'-0") turning space. Furniture and equipment intended for resident use shall be made accessible and useable by residents confined to a wheelchair.

(3) Each room shall have a window that can be opened without the use of tools. The windowsills shall not be higher than three feet above the floor and shall be above grade. Windows with operable sashes shall be provided with insect screens. Window openings shall be designed to prevent accidental falls when open, or shall be provided with security screens.

(6) Each resident shall have a wardrobe or closet with minimum clear inside dimensions of three feet long by one foot ten inches deep. An adjustable clothes rod and shelf shall be provided at heights useable by residents.

(7) Visual privacy shall be provided for each resident in multi-bed rooms through the use of non-combustible cubicle curtains.

(8) Medical equipment for the care and treatment of residents shall be provided in a resident’s room as required by the resident’s medical condition. In addition, each resident shall be provided with the following room furnishings:

(i) a bed;
(ii) a dresser and nightstand or a dresser/night stand combination which provides sufficient space for residents’ personal effects;
(iii) over-bed tables as may be required;
(iv) a wall tackboard/display panel;
(v) a lockable drawer to personal valuables and storage of medications; and,
(vi) chairs for visitors and socialization.

Toilet Area

PRE-1975:

(i) Each resident bedroom shall be equipped with or shall be conveniently located near adequate toilet and bathing facilities. Centralized toilets and bathing facilities, if provided, shall be on the same floor as the resident bedrooms served. At least one centralized toilet shall be provided for
every eight resident beds in rooms without adjacent toilet facilities to serve the occupants of the room.

(b) Resident toilets and bathing facilities shall be equipped with grab bars, firmly secured to the walls and/or fixtures, for the convenient use of the residents.

1975-1990:

(5) One lavatory shall be provided in each resident room. The lavatory may be omitted from a single or a double bedroom when a lavatory is located in an adjoining toilet room, which serves that room only.

(6) Each resident shall have access to a toilet room without entering the general corridor area. One toilet room shall serve no more than four certified beds and no more than two resident rooms. The toilet room shall contain a water closet and a lavatory. The lavatory may be omitted only from a toilet room that serves not more than two single bedrooms if each such single bedroom contains a lavatory.

(d) Residents' toilet facilities shall comply with the following:

(1) The minimum dimensions of a room containing only a water closet shall be three feet by six feet; additional space shall be provided if a lavatory is located within the same room. Water closets must be conveniently located and usable by wheelchair bound residents.

(2) At least one room with alavatory and water closet on each nursing floor shall be provided for toilet training. It shall be accessible from the nursing corridor. A clearance of three feet shall be provided at the front and at each side of the water closet.

(3) A toilet room shall be accessible to each central bathing area without going through the general corridor. This may be arranged to serve as the required toilet training facility.

(3) All rooms containing bathtubs, sitz baths, showers and water closets that are used or subject to occupancy by residents shall be equipped with doors and hardware that permit access from the outside in any emergency. When such rooms have only one opening or are small, the doors shall be capable of opening outwards or be otherwise designed to be opened without need to push against a resident who may have collapsed within the room.

(15) Grab bars shall be provided at all residents' toilets, showers, tubs and sitz baths. The bars shall have one and one-half inch clearance to walls and shall have sufficient strength and anchorage to sustain a concentrated load of two hundred fifty pounds.

(16) Recessed soap dishes shall be provided in showers and bathrooms.

(19) Location and arrangement of handwashing facilities shall permit their proper use and operation. Particular care should be given to the clearances required for blade-type operating handles. Lavatories intended for use by residents shall be installed to permit use by residents in wheelchairs.

(20) Mirrors shall be arranged for convenient use by residents in wheelchairs as well as by residents in a standing position.

(21) Paper towel dispensers and waste receptacles shall be provided at all handwashing fixtures.
(ii) The water supply spout for lavatories and sinks required in resident care areas shall be mounted so that its discharge point is a minimum distance of five inches above the rim of the fixture. All fixtures used by medical and nursing staff, and all lavatories used by residents and food handlers shall be trimmed with valves, which can be operated without the use of hands. Where blade handles are used for this purpose, they shall not exceed four and one-half inches in length, except that handles on clinical sinks shall be not less than six inches long.

1990-2010:

(5) Each resident shall have access to a toilet room without entering the general corridor area. One toilet room shall serve no more than two residents. The toilet room shall contain a water closet and a lavatory. Changes to the number of residents using one toilet room may be made on a case-by-case basis upon a determination by the department that such alternative does not adversely affect resident care and/or as special care needs of resident may require.

(13) Residents' toilet facilities shall comply with the following:

(i) Each resident toilet room shall be designed to permit wheelchair access and use. The size and configuration of the room, including the placement of fixtures within, shall allow space for staff assistance in transferring a wheelchair resident to the water closet.
(ii) A toilet room shall be accessible to each central bathing area without going through the general corridor.

(10) Recessed soap dishes shall be provided in showers and bathrooms.

(13) The location and arrangement of handwashing facilities shall permit their proper use and operation. Particular care shall be given to the clearances required for blade-type operating handles. Lavatories intended for use by residents shall be installed to permit use by residents in wheelchairs.

(14) Mirrors shall be arranged for convenient use by residents in wheelchairs as well as by residents in a standing position.

(15) Paper towel dispensers and waste receptacles shall be provided at all handwashing fixtures.

New Construction: Room and Bath

Title: Section 713-4.4 - Resident units

713-4.4 Resident units.

(a) The number of residents in a resident unit arranged in a linear layout shall not exceed forty. However, the Department will consider exceptions to this requirement to enhance the quality of life for residents when a higher number of residents clearly achieves a savings in operational costs, improves resident services and is based upon sub-groups of residents (sub-units).

(b) When sub-units are used, each sub-unit shall be arranged so as to provide access to a bathing room and a soiled workroom or soiled holding room located within, or readily accessible to, the unit.

(c) At least one-tenth of the total residents in any facility shall be located in single rooms. Each room shall have a window that can be opened without the use of tools. The windowsills shall not be
higher than two feet eight inches above the finished floor to facilitate views to the exterior for residents seated in wheelchairs, and shall be above grade.

(d) Each resident shall have a wardrobe or closet with minimum clear inside dimensions of three feet by one foot ten inches deep. Drawer space may be provided as part of the wardrobe, as long as hanging space measuring two feet wide by one foot ten inches deep by five feet high, accessible to the resident, is maintained.

**Summary:** Rooms to be Designed and Equipped for Adequate Nursing Care, Comfort, and Privacy; Room Capacity (Date-Specific); Privacy Curtains; Room Location; Minimum Furnishings (Date-Specific); Toilet Room Access and Capacity (Date-Specific); Mirrors; Windows